# UNCTAD Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation

"Challenges and Policy Options for Transport and Trade Facilitation"

7–9 December 2011  
Palais des Nations  
Room XXVI

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Wednesday 7 December 2011

10.00 - 11.00 OPENING SESSION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Opening remarks by the Chairperson

Opening statement

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Welcoming remarks

Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Introduction to the issues note

Mr. José María Rubiato, Officer-in-Charge, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

11.00 - 13.00 Session I: Trade and Sustainable Transport

Introduction

Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief Policy and Legislation Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Simon Bennett, Director External Relations, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

Mr. Philippe Crist, Senior Researcher, OECD-ITF, Joint Transport Research Center

National experiences:

Mr. Oliver Alexander D’Oleo, Lawyer, General Customs Direction, Dominican Republic

Discussion

Lunch

15.00 - 18.00 Session II: Transport Efficiency

Introduction

Mr. Vincent Valentine, OIC Transport Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Solomon Kasa, Secretary General, Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association

Improvements in Dar es Salaam’s Port Efficiency

Mr. Yashwin Bhoola, Associate Partner, Letsema, South Africa

Ms. Sharmila Chaval, Executive Director, Railway Board, Government of India

National experiences:

Ms. Elizabeth Tamale, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Industry, Uganda

Discussion

18.00 - 19h 00 Cocktail - Escargot Bar (Third Floor, E-Building)
Thursday 8 December 2011

10.00 - 13.00  
**Session III: Customs Automation and Trade security**

**Introduction**

Mr. Fabrice Millet, Programme Coordinator, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

**Speakers**

Mr. David King, Analyst, Cargo Targeting, Office of Intelligence and Investigative Liaison, US Customs and Border Protection

Ms. Carina Dixon, Chair of ICHCA International Security Panel

**National experiences:**

Mr. Sam Toyota, IT Director, Revenue Authority of Rwanda

Mr. Idris Elmi Doubted, Assistant du Directeur des Douanes, Douanes de la République de Djibouti

Mr. Malyar Jabarkhel, IT Director, Customs Department, Afghanistan

**Discussion**

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**Lunch**

15.00 - 18.00  
**Session IV: Trade Facilitation**

**Introduction**

Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief Trade Facilitation Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

**Speakers**

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO

Ms. Elizabeth Tamale, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Industry, Uganda

Mr. Mario Matus, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO

**National experiences:**

Ms. Amani Musaad, Head of WTO Unit, Ministry of foreign Trade, Sudan

Mr. Binod Prasad Acharya, Under Secretary, International Trade Division of Commerce and Supplies, Nepal

Mr. Zephania Muhigi, Head of Field Operations Division, Customs Department, Rwanda

**Discussion**
Friday 9 December 2011, 10.00 - 13.00

10.00 - 13.00  Session V: The way forward
Policy options for Transport and Trade facilitation

Speakers:
Mr. José María Rubiato, Officer-in-Charge, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD

Mr. Andreas Kopp, Lead Transport Economist; Transport, Water and Information and Communications Technologies Department, World Bank

Mr. Thomas Hamlin, Technical Adviser, Energy, Transport and Climate Change, Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Arvind Mayaram, IAS Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, India

Discussion

Lunch

15.00 - 18.00  Closing Session
Chairperson’s Summary and remarks

Discussion