

TRADE LOGISTICS AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME

PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, 23–24 OCTOBER 2017, ROOM XXVI

Day 1 – Monday, 23 October 2017	
10–10.30 a.m.	<p>Welcome and introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p>
10.30 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<p>Item 3: Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Introduction and overview</p> <p>Transport and trade facilitation and sustainable development: National experiences and overview of state of play and progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD Mr. Andreas Schaumayer, Deputy Head, Unit for Trade Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany Mr. Eduardo Sperisen-Yurt, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the World Trade Organization, Geneva National experiences, including on participation in the voluntary reporting and review process under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the new UNCTAD toolkit on sustainable freight transport <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive debate</p>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Trade facilitation</p> <p>Trade facilitation reforms improve a country’s trade competitiveness and compliance efforts through efficient border procedures. In addition, trade facilitation reforms can directly assist in advancing other critical development objectives, such as strengthening governance and transparency, building human and institutional capacities and formalizing the informal sector. Trade facilitation requires broad-based collaboration at both national and regional levels, between all relevant public and private stakeholders in the trade transaction chain, through public–private partnerships, notably national trade facilitation committees. Such committees are an important element in the implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation Agreement of the World Trade Organization. As such, trade facilitation is key in achieving trade-related Sustainable Development Goals, such as Goals 9, 16 and 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Poul Hansen, Officer in Charge, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD Mr. Stephen Marvie, Deputy Minister for Commerce and Trade Services, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Liberia Mr. Syed Moinuddin, Senior Policy Adviser, Trade and Customs Cooperation, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Mr. Hasan Zaidi, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank Ms Maria-Teresa Pisani, Chief of Unit, Trade Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe National experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Emrah Aslan, Ministry of Customs and Trade, Republic of Turkey Mr. NGUENE NTEPPE Joseph, Secrétaire Permanent du Comité National de Facilitation des Echanges (CONAFE) du Cameroun <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive debate</p>
6–7.30 p.m.	<p>Networking cocktail</p> <p>Delegates restaurant, Palais des Nations, Building A, 8th floor</p>

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Day 2 – Tuesday, 24 October 2017	
10.00 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<p>Item 3: Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (continued)</p> <p>Climate change impacts and adaptation for key coastal transport infrastructure and regulatory approaches to ship-source pollution control</p> <p>This session will highlight the importance of effective climate change adaptation and resilience building for ports and airports in small island developing States, including in the context of a number of Sustainable Development Goals and targets, notably Goals 9 and 13, and target 1.5. The session will also provide an overview of regulatory approaches to sustainable shipping in support of Goal 14 including, in particular, ship-source pollution and carbon dioxide emissions control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD • Mr. Michalis Vousdoukas, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, European Joint Research Centre • Mr. Crispin d’Auvergne, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Coordinator, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Commission, Saint Lucia • Ms. Heike Deggim, Senior Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive debate</p>
3–5.50 p.m.	<p>Sustainable freight transport: A cross-cutting enabler in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Freight transport is of strategic importance as an economic sector that generates employment and revenue, enables trade, supports supply chains and links communities. The international community has acknowledged the role of the sector, including freight transport, as a critical enabler of many Sustainable Development Goals and targets (such as Goals 1–3, 6, 7, 9 and 11–14). Promoting sustainable freight transportation systems that are efficient, accessible, reasonably priced, energy efficient and/or less energy intensive, environmentally friendly and low-carbon can generate significant sustainable development gains. In this context, experts will consider the following:</p> <p>(a) The linkages between freight transport and the Goals and how best to leverage the sustainable freight transport dividend;</p> <p>(b) Ways in which UNCTAD work in the field of sustainable freight transport can effectively support the achievement of the Goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Frida Youssef, Chief, Transport Section, TLB, DTL, UNCTAD • Mr. Sudhir Gota, International Consultant, India • Mr. Michael Dooms, Professor, Solvay Business School, Vrije University, Brussels • Mr. Anisse Terai, Head of Policy and Partnerships, International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia • Mr. Phantahaphap Phounsavath, Deputy Director, Division of Road Transport, Department of Transport, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao People’s Democratic Republic • Mr. Abdou Katibou, Director General, National Investment Promotion Agency, Comoros • National experiences <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive debate</p>
5.50–6 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing</p> <p>Concluding remarks by the Chair</p> <p>Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting</p>