

Mongolia Transit Webinar

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15h to 18h Ulaanbaatar time (9h-12h CET)
Speakers Information



Mr. Richard Chopra

Senior Customs Modernization and Trade Facilitation Advisor

Mr. Richard Chopra is a well-respected member of the global customs and trade facilitation community where he has played a vital role in delivering innovative tools and meaningful programmes.

A highly-skilled strategic advisor, organizational development and stakeholder engagement specialist, Richard is particularly known for his ability to devise and deliver solutions-oriented customs modernization and trade facilitation strategies. Richard has played a key role in the design and implementation of regional trade facilitation programmes (AEO, IT Connectivity, Border Agency Cooperation...) as well as the implementation of specific WCO standards and measures of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation, including Advance Rulings, Risk Management, Authorized Operators, Time-Release studies. While at the WCO from 2012 to 2019, Richard was also involved in the update and development of WCO standards, tools and training packages related to Customs-Business Partnership, Single Window, People Development, Strategic Management, Project Management and Stakeholder Engagement.

Since 2005, Richard has been closely collaborating with the European Union, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, IMF, ISO, ITC, UNCTAD, UNIDO, World Bank, WCO and WTO, who all consider him an appreciated partner. He has been particularly involved with COMCEC, UNCTAD, WCO and the WTO's efforts to support the establishment and strengthening of National Trade Facilitation Committees and is the lead author of the COMCEC Handbook for Highly-Performance NTFCs.






Ms. Altantuya Chunag

Customs Expert, Senior Customs Officer, Customs General Administration of Mongolia

Ms. Altantuya Chunag is a customs expert and a senior customs officer of the Customs General Administration of Mongolia. She works on transit related legislation and its compliance, and specializes in customs control and examination, and transport procedures.

From 2007 to 2019, she was a Senior Customs Officer of Customs Control and Enforcement department with duties over the TIR Carnet, control over transport movement, and prohibited and restricted goods. Before this, from 2002 to 2007, she was a customs officer of Buyant-Ukhaa Customs House with work duties on customs control and clearance.

	<p>Mr. Stephen Cox Regional Customs Administrator Advisor, International Monetary Fund (IMF)</p> <p>Mr. Stephen Cox worked for the Australian Border Force (Customs) and the Australian Tax office for over thirty years in a variety of roles including law enforcement, trade facilitation, anti-dumping, passenger processing, Corporate management, revenue protection and collection and was involved in the implementation of the Goods and Service tax at a senior level. Following this, he worked in 45 countries in South East Asia, Central Asia, Africa, and the Pacific on Customs and revenue reforms and modernization. During this time he worked as a consultant with organizations such as USAID, World Bank, DFID, EU, and ADB. His current position is with the IMF as Regional Customs advisor to Cambodia, Mongolia, Lao PDR and Myanmar and is based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. During his spare time he enjoys exercise, spending time with family and friends and tasting the great wine made in Australia.</p>
	<p>Ms Baigalmaa Damba Independent Researcher, International Think Tank for LandLocked Developing Countries (ITLDC)</p> <p>MS. Baigalmaa Damba has an MBA in International Transportation Management, and a Master of Science in Maritime affairs, specializing in Maritime Law and Policy (WMU, 2012)</p> <p>She has 10 years of experience in IMO convention implementation in ship registration and inland water transportation.</p> <p>She also has 6 years of experience in studies relating to trade of landlocked countries and remedy possibilities of using international agreements of various organizations.</p>
	<p>Mr. Ulziisaikhan Ganbold Director-General, Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation</p> <p>Mr Ulziisaikhan Ganbold is the Director of Economic Cooperation and Foreign Trade Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since October 2021.</p> <p>Technical and service officer at the Department of Public Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2010-2011</p> <p>Attaché, Third Secretary, Department of Contracts and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2011-2016 t</p> <p>Consultant, Economic Cooperation and Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2016-2017</p> <p>Deputy Director, Economic Cooperation and Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2017-2021</p>



Mr. Dmitry Godunov
ASYCUDA Regional Coordinator, UNCTAD

Mr. Dmitry Godunov has over twenty years of international experience, including in the areas of financial and trade negotiations, dealing with the Bretton-Woods institutions, the WTO, the UN agencies and regional organizations.

He joined UNCTAD in 2008 as an Acting Assistant to the Deputy SG. From 2009 he is with UNCTAD ASYCUDA Programme dealing with advocacy of customs reforms and trade facilitation measures in countries with economies in transition.

From 2017 Mr. Godunov is UNCTAD ASYCUDA Regional Coordinator for the CEE, Caucasus and Central Asia. He is leading the projects on implementation of ASYCUDA-based integrated Customs systems, Single Window components, as well as tailor-made ICT solutions for regional customs transit, e-commerce support, humanitarian relief consignments and others.

Mr. Godunov is an active participant of international conferences and regional fora, expert groups meetings and capacity building workshops. He is promoting UNCTAD ASYCUDA partnerships with international and bilateral donors.

Mr. Godunov has a Master degree in international relations and economy from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He speaks English, French and Nordic languages.






Mr. Poul Hansen
Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD

Mr. Poul Hansen is responsible for issues relating to Trade Facilitation at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL). UNCTAD's mandate is to assist developing and least developed countries as well as economies in transition integrating into global trade, promoting development-centered globalization and inclusive and sustainable growth and development for these countries.

Poul has extensive experience in the area of trade and transport facilitation, having worked for almost 20 years in the UN system on issues such as international trade, transportation, development, international standards, previously working at the UNECE as Secretary for the TIR and Harmonization Conventions.

In addition, during his UN career Poul has also worked in the field of international sports policy as Head of the UN Office on Sport and Development and Peace.

Prior to joining the UN, Poul worked for more than 10 years in the private sector in areas such public affairs, management consulting and logistics with organizations including Ernst & Young, FreightForward Europe (FFE), the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the Ziegler Group, gaining experience in a number of industries including transportation and logistics, automotive, manufacturing and retail.

	<p>Mr. Sandeep Raj Jain Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, UNESCAP</p> <p>Sandeep Raj Jain is Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Bangkok. Prior to joining ESCAP, Sandeep worked for more than a decade with Indian Customs where he was involved in the implementation of various customs modernization initiatives. Currently, he is secretary to the Working Group on Trans-Asian Railway Network established under the intergovernmental agreement on Trans-Asian Railway Network and implementing initiatives to strengthen international railway transport in the region.</p>
	<p>Mr. André Sceia Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Division, UNECE</p> <p>André Sceia holds a masters in econometrics from the University of Geneva and PhD in environmental economics from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne.</p> <p>He has been working for 20 years in UNECE, where he has been managing various projects, in particular, the eTIR project, which aims at the computerisation of the TIR procedure and, more recently, coordinates the interconnections of customs administration with the eTIR international system.</p>
	<p>Ms. Pamela Ugaz Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD</p> <p>Pamela Ugaz is an international trade lawyer with over 15 years of experience in trade policy, trade facilitation, regional integration, and project management. She collaborates with the Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD since 2013, conducting technical assistance and capacity building projects towards the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in African Asia and Latin America. She also conducts research on trade facilitation topics. Prior to joining UNCTAD, she worked as Associate Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and as Legal Affairs Officer at the World Trade Organization. As legal Adviser to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade of Peru, she negotiated transparency and dispute settlement provisions in several Regional Trade Agreements between Peru and its trade partners, including the EU, China, the US, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Canada, and the EFTA. Ms. Ugaz holds a Ph.D. in International Trade Law from the University of Geneva and a Master in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.</p>



Mr. Viacheslav Vikentyev

Deputy General Delegate to the IRU Permanent Delegation to Eurasia

As a Deputy General Delegate to the IRU Permanent Delegation to Eurasia, based in Moscow, Mr. Vikentyev deals with key IRU activities in the region with the focus on TIR, border crossing facilitation and streamlined customs procedures helping the road transport industry unlock the trade potential of the economies.

IRU is the world's road transport organisation, promoting economic growth, prosperity and safety through the sustainable mobility of people and goods. Founded in 1948, IRU has members and activities in more than 80 countries. IRU's four core objectives are to facilitate trade, promote mobility, make transport more sustainable and value safety – for people and goods. IRU conceived TIR in 1949, and manages the system to this day.

With customs and civil service educational background, Mr. Vikentyev has 7 years experience of working at Russian customs and 8 years experience in private sector involved in foreign trade and commercial operations, legal support, and managing the customs warehouse in the latter capacity.

Mr. Vikentyev has been an external expert at OSCE and a visiting lecturer at the Russian Customs Academy and MGIMO University.



Ms. Frida Youssef

Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD

Ms. Frida Youssef is the chief of Transport Section within the Trade logistics Branch at UNCTAD. She started her career at UNCTAD in 1997. Ms. Youssef has more than twenty-five years of professional experience in areas related to transport, trade, commodities, finance and sustainable development which gave her the opportunity to build, lead and motivate research and technical assistance programmes, geared towards developing countries, in broad range of issues including trade and logistics, shipping and ports, corridors, and cross-cutting issues such as sustainability, finance, public-private partnerships (PPPs), and gender. She is a co-author of the UNCTAD annual Review of Maritime Transport. Ms. Youssef holds an MBA from Boston University and an MA in International Affairs from the Hautes Etudes Internationales-Paris.