

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation, 10th session, *Coordination and digitalization as a means to accelerated and climate-smart trade facilitation*

17–19 July 2023, Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XIX
Programme

Monday, 17 July	
11–11.40 a.m.	<p>Opening plenary meeting</p> <p>Agenda item 1: Election of officers</p> <p>Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <p>Agenda item 3: Coordination and digitalization as a means to accelerated and climate-smart trade facilitation</p> <p>Keynote: Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD</p> <p>Introduction: Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p>
11.40 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<p>Opening plenary meeting (continued), informal plenary discussion.</p> <p>Agenda item 3</p> <p>WTO TFA – Status and implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dolores Halloran, Secretary, Trade Facilitation Committee, World Trade Organization (WTO) • Ms. Silvia Sorescu, Project lead trade facilitation, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) • Mr. Steven Pope, Chair, Trade and Investment Commission, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) <p>Interactive discussion</p>

<p>Monday 3–5 p.m.</p>	<p>Informal plenary discussion Agenda item 3 Trade facilitation implementation in vulnerable economies</p> <p>Introduction: Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLDC implementation and support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Enkhtaivan Dashnyam, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mongolia ○ Ms. Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) • SIDS implementation and support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Andrea Giacomelli, Aid-for-Trade and Trade Policy Advisor, Permanent delegation of the Pacific Islands Forum to the UN, WTO and other international organizations in Geneva ○ Ms. Tishka Hope Francis, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) • LDCs implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Uttam Kumar Shahi, Chargé d'affaires, Nepal <p>National experiences Interactive discussion</p>
<p>Tuesday, 18 July</p>	
<p>11 a.m.– 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Informal plenary discussion Agenda item 3 Trade facilitation and coordination</p> <p>Introduction: Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination - NTFCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Joeline Hariniaina, Permanent secretariat of the National Trade Facilitation Committee Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Madagascar • Coordination – Borders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Pierre Bonthonneau, Trade Facilitation Adviser, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre (ITC) • Connectivity - Cross-border <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission of Asia-Pacific (UNESCAP) • Private sector involvement in trade facilitation coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Sofia Aiche, Project Officer, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) <p>National experiences</p>

	Interactive discussion
Tuesday 3–5 p.m.	<p>Informal plenary discussion</p> <p>Agenda item 3</p> <p>UNCTAD digital Trade Facilitation tools</p> <p>Introduction: Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs automation - ASYCUDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Lidia Ababii, Deputy Director, Customs Service of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova • Single Window - ASYSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. John David, Information Systems Officer, ASYCUDA Programme, UNCTAD • Implementation management and monitoring - UNCTAD Reform Tracker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Johanna Amukushu, Principal Customs and Excise, Namibian Revenue Agency (NamRA) • Transparency - UNCTAD Trade Information Portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Jane Musyoki, Principal E-Portal & Value Add Services Officer, Kentrade, Kenya <p>National experiences</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p>

Wednesday, 19 July

11 a.m.–
1 p.m.

Informal plenary discussion

Agenda item 3

Trade facilitation and emerging issues

Introduction: Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

- Trade facilitation agreement – what next?
 - **Mr. Carlos Guevara Aguirre**, Chair, WTO Trade Facilitation Committee
- Climate-smart Trade Facilitation
 - **Ms. Celine Bacrot**, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
- Trade facilitation and Corridors
 - **Ms. Frida Youssef**, Chief, Transport section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
- Digital trade transactions - E-Bill of Lading
 - **Ms. Regina Asariotis**, Chief, Policy and Legislation section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

National experiences

Interactive discussion

Wednesday, 19 July

Wednesday
3–4.40 p.m.

Informal plenary discussion

Agenda item 3

Discussion of the way forward

Introduction: **Mr. Jan Hoffmann**, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

- The Global Supply Chain Forum, Barbados, 2023
 - **Ms. Pamela Ugaz**, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Interactive discussion

4.40–5 p.m.

Closing plenary meeting

Agenda Item 4:

Adoption of the report of the meeting