



National Validation Workshop

Ethiopia's transport services sector: Value chain analysis and COVID-19 impact and response studies

Provisional Programme

Addis Ababa, 8-9 June 2021

9:30 – 12:30 Ethiopia time zone

8:30 – 11:30 Geneva time zone

Venue: Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa

The event will be organized by the Ethiopia Ministry of Transport, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The meeting will be in the form of two half-day hybrid workshops scheduled to take place on the 8th and 9th of June 2021.

The validation workshop is part of the UNCTAD-ECA – Ethiopia project on services trade in Africa, funded by the United Nations. The project aims at unlocking the potential of services trade in Ethiopia by increasing capacity to measure the contribution of services to regional value chains (RVCs) and to explore the value added by domestic and foreign firms. In Ethiopia, the focus is on transport services owing to its catalyzing impact and strategic relevance for the economy.

The workshop will sensitize key national stakeholders of transport services about the importance, tools, and roles of stakeholders in measuring target value chains, and how this supports Ethiopia's capacity to design policies which promote a higher degree of integration into RVCs. Furthermore, the workshop will shed light on the extent of the impact of covid-19 on the transport services sector and what should be done to facilitate a quick recovery and build resilience to future shocks.

| Day 1 (Ethiopian time) | |
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| 9:30-10:30 | Registration and coffee |
| 10:30-10:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction to the workshop by the Chair: Director, Ministry of Transport Opening remarks: H.E. Yehalashet Jemere, State Minister of Transport, Ethiopia (TBC) Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes (ALDC), UNCTAD |
| 10:45-11:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project overview: Mr. Junior Davis, Head, Policy Analysis and Research Branch, ALDC, UNCTAD Services trade within the AfCFTA context: Mr. Komi Tsowu, Economist, African Trade Policy Center, UNECA |
| 11:15-11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30-12:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An insight of the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport 10-year strategic plan Mr Bikila Teklu, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Transport, Ethiopia Ethiopia's transport service sector: Measuring its value chains and exploiting its potential. Mr. Yonas Bekele, Infrastructure Expert |
| 12:00-12:30 | Discussion |
| 12:30-12:45 | Closing Remarks: Chair, Director, Ministry of Transport |
| 12:45 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| Day 2 (Ethiopian time) | |
| 9:30-9:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of day 1 – Mr. Junior Davis, UNCTAD |
| 9:45-10:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic effects of Covid-19 on trade and growth in Africa Ms. Grace Gondwe, Economist, ALDC, UNCTAD COVID-19 impacts and response study on transport services sector in Ethiopia Mr Yonas Bekele, Infrastructure Expert |
| 10:15-10:45 | Discussion |
| 10:45-11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:00-11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measuring transport services value chains: Why and how? Mr. Vincent Valentine, Economist, UNCTAD Transport supply value chain: best practices Mr. Khalid Bichou |
| 11:30-12:00 | Discussion |
| 12:00-12:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing remarks and way forward: Director- Ministry of Transport and Mr. Junior Davis |
| 12:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |

Note: The programme is based on Ethiopian time-zone