# 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

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**Trade facilitation implementation in vulnerable economies**

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

- LLDC implementation and support
  - **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
  - **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
  - **Mr. Uttam Kumar Shahi**, Chargé d’affaires, Nepal

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### Tuesday, 18 July

**11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Informal plenary discussion**

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**Trade facilitation and coordination**

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

- Coordination - NTFCs
  - **Ms. Joeline Hariniaina**, Permanent secretariat of the National Trade Facilitation Committee Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Madagascar

- Coordination – Borders
  - **Mr. Pierre Bonthonneau**, Trade Facilitation Adviser, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre (ITC)

- Connectivity - Cross-border
  - **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
  - **Ms. Sofia Aiche**, Project Officer, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)

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**UNCTAD digital Trade Facilitation tools**

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

- Customs automation - ASYCUDA
  - Ms. Lidia Ababii, Deputy Director, Customs Service of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova
- Single Window - ASYSW
  - Mr. John David, Information Systems Officer, ASYCUDA Programme, UNCTAD
- Implementation management and monitoring - UNCTAD Reform Tracker
  - Ms. Johanna Amukushu, Principal Customs and Excise, Namibian Revenue Agency (NamRA)
- Transparency - UNCTAD Trade Information Portal
  - Ms. Jane Musyoki, Principal E-Portal & Value Add Services Officer, Kentrede, Kenya

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**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

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             | **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