



Trade Facilitation webinar

TOPIC: TRADE FACILITATION IN POST COVID-19 CRISIS RECOVERY AND THE “NEW NORMAL”

28th October 2020

Webinar from 2h30 to 4h00 pm EAT

Programme

Moderator : Eugene Torero- Ag Deputy Chief Operations Officer TMEA

| S/N | Name of Speaker | Title & Organization | Topic/Subject | Description of what is expected from each presenter to provide sufficient guidance. |
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| 1 | Mr. Kenneth Bagamuhunda | Director general (Customs and Trade), East African Community | The Role of East African Community (EAC) Secretariat in Coordination and Alignment of Various Trade Facilitation Interventions during COVID-19 and Post COVID -19 recovery strategies | The presenter will talk on the role played by the EAC secretariat in coordinating partner states to have a common position in fighting against the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the envisaged approach in supporting economic |

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| | | | | recovery agenda and what steps are being undertaken to ensure the EAC economies bounce back and achieve the required growth necessary to have an impact on poverty and job creation. |
| 2 | Mr. Frank Matsaert | Chief Executive Officer (CEO), TradeMark East Africa | The Role of Trademark East Africa in supporting trade flows during emergency and post -recovery period Initiative | The Presenter will Briefly highlight the key interventions TMEA will undertake to support economic recovery and ensure trade flows bounces back . |
| 3 | Dr. Shamika Sirimanne | Director, Technology and Logistics Division, UNCTAD | Impact of COVID-19 on Global Trade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCTAD Global Policy Support; • The role of Technology to facilitate trade (eg. Single Windows, e-commerce) • The Role of National Trade Facilitation Committees | The presenter will highlight the UNCTAD Policy Guidance during COVID-19, trade facilitation tools to be deployed in supporting economic recovery and how NTFC can be re-purposed to address some of the emerging trade barriers. |
| 4 | Ms. Rosine Uwamaliya | Commissioner for Customs Services, Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) | The Role of Customs reforms and Innovation in Responding to Emergency Situations The case of Rwanda Revenue Authority | The presenter will elaborate on the experience of Rwanda Customs in coordinating and facilitating cross-border trade during emergency situation and what are the key lessons to be shared across the region. |
| 5 | Dr. Peter Mathuki | Chief Executive Officer (CEO), East African Business Council (EABC) | The Role of Regional Private Sector in Response to COVID-19 and Post COVID-19 Coordination towards Recovery and resilience. | The presenter will talk on the key value chains that may anchor the economic recovery and how EABC may use PPDs platform to address some of the emerging export and import restrictions. |
| 6 | Mr. William Ojonyo | Member of FEAFFA Executive Board, Head of the FEAFFA Covid19 taskforce and MD of Peleceer Group of Companies | The impact of Covid-19 on Transport and logistics Sectors: The Role of FEAFFA in advocating for improved transport and logistics during emergency and recovery period. | COVID-19 related issues were multifaceted and required a strong engagement between the logistics players and various government institutions especially in addressing the |

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| | | | | <p>various containment measures at the borders.</p> <p>The presenter will give a real picture on role played by FEAFFA in sensitizing and advocating for efficient flow of logistics and transport services in the region and the steps that FEAFFA undertook and the lessons that would inform future engagements and collaboration with government agencies in the region.</p> |
| 7 | Mr. Aloys Rusagara | Director of Planning and Transport | The Role of Regional Infrastructure (Ports, Border Posts, ICDs) during COVID and Post COVID Recovery. Case of the Northern Corridor secretariat in coordinating infrastructure related interventions | The presenter will highlight the role played by the Northern Corridor Transit and transport in fast-tracking the movement of essential goods from the port of Mombasa but overwhelmed by congestions at the borders and ICDs- what measures are being deployed to ensure fast and quick clearances at key borders along the corridors- Is there a plan to establish the roadside stations. |
| 8 | Dr. Michael Katende | Health Department, East African Community Secretariat | EAC Partner States 'preparedness to deal with outbreaks of pandemic (Strengths and Weakness). What are the lessons learned and key recommendations? | COVID-19 has exposed the weaknesses in our health systems. The presenter will talk on the planned measures partner states to ensure that future pandemics are properly managed. |

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