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## **Regional Workshop on Facilitation Measures for International Transit of Goods**

Asunción, 1 - 3 December 2015

### **Programme**

#### **Tuesday 1 December 2015**

**8:00 - 8:30 Attendee Registration**

**8:30 - 9:00 Opening session**

Welcoming:

- Ambassador Eladio Loizaga, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay
- Mr. Dante Mossi, Resident Representative of the World Bank in Paraguay
- Ms. Cecilia Ugaz, Resident Representative of the United Nations Program for Development in Paraguay (TBC)

**9:15-10:30 Development in the normative diagram for the international transit of merchandise.** Moderator: Enrique Fanta, specialist in Trade Facilitation for the World Bank.

- Importance of transit within the Vienna Programme of Action. Presentation led by Gladys Mutangadura from the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing.
- The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and its benefits for developing landlocked countries. Presentation led by Raúl Torres from the WTO Secretariat.

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:30**

- Transit-related within the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Presentation led by Poul Hansen, Senior TF specialist to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- Questions and Answers. Discussion

**12:30 – 14:30 Lunch**



**14:30 – 16:00** **New opportunities to strengthen transit corridors in favour of landlocked developing countries. Moderator:** Raúl Torres, counsel to the Secretary of the World Trade Organization.

- Presentation led by CEPAL (TBC)
- Transit Corridors in the Southern Cone. Presentation led by Enrique Fanta, expert on Trade Facilitation for the World Bank.
- The International Road Transport Union program to facilitate the international transit of goods. Presentation led by the International Road Transport Union. (TBC)
- Questions and Answers. Discussion

**16:00 – 16:15** **Coffee Break**

**16:15 – 17:30** **National experiences related to transit.**

- Interventions from delegations on the regulation and national experiences related to transit.

### **Wednesday 2 December 2015**

**08:30** Departure from Granados Park hotel, with destination to the Border Crossing of Puerto Falcón – Clorinda.

**09:30 – 12:00** **Visit to the Border Crossing at Puerto Falcón, Paraguay – Clorinda, Argentina.**

- Presentations led by government representatives involved in the border crossing.
- Questions and Answers. Discussion

**12:00** **Return to Asunción.**

**13:00 – 14:30** **Lunch**



**14:30-17:00 Current situation of transit operations in the region. Views from the Private Sector.** Moderator: Ezequiel Guicovsky, International Trade Center (ITC)

- Introduction led by Dr. Mohammed Saeed, Senior Expert on Trade Facilitation for the International Trade Center (ITC)
- Presentations by representatives of the private sector of the participating countries.
- Questions and Answers. Discussion

### Thursday 3 December 2013

**9:00 – 11:00 Regional regulations on International Transit of Goods.**

Moderator: Juan Angel Delgadillo, Director of Foreign Economic Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay.

- Presentation led by Analía Correa from the Latin American Integration Association.
- Presentation led by Marcus Salles from the MERCOSUR Secretariat.
- Regional System of Guaranties from Transit. Examples of the ATIT and Hidrovia Agreements Presentation led by Dr. Ramon Gomez, Director for International Relations of the National Direction of Customs of Paraguay
- Questions and Answers. Discussion

**11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15 – 12:00 Conclusions and recommendations.**

**12:00 - 12:30 Closing ceremony.**

- UNCTAD representative
- World Bank Representative
- Concluding remarks by Ambassador Rigoberto Gauto, Vice-minister for Economic Relations and Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs