



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on
Transport and Trade Facilitation:
Public and Private Partnerships for the Development of
Infrastructure to Facilitate Trade and Transport**

8–10 December 2009
Geneva, Palais des Nations
E Building (UNCTAD), Room XXI

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

<u>TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER</u> OPENING PLENARY SESSION	
10:00-10:45	Election of officers Opening remarks by the Chairperson Welcome remarks by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Introductory remarks by Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

SESSION I	
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TRANSPORT AND TRADE FACILITATION	
10:45-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key recent developments in international trade, transport and trade facilitation? • How does the economic recession and financial crisis impact the financing of development and use of transport and trade facilitation infrastructure and services? <p><i>Introduction:</i> Mr. José María Rubiato, Officer-in-Charge, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Sorasak Pan, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce, Royal Government of Cambodia</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Eduardo Sperisen-Yurt, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the WTO, Chairman, WTO Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p>
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
SESSION II	
IDENTIFYING INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCING GAPS	
15:00-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the requirements for investments in infrastructure and trade supporting services and what are the financing gaps encountered? • What would be the most effective schemes to attract private participation, technology and know how in ports, land transport and trade facilitation infrastructures and services? • Can existing successful examples also suit small economies, and are there scale or size requirements when developing public-private partnerships for transport and trade facilitation? <p><i>Introduction:</i> Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief, Cooperation and Partnerships Section, Economic Integration and Cooperation Division, UNECE</p> <p>Ms. Cristina Lozano, Principal Trade Regulatory Officer, NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade, African Development Bank</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>National experiences</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p>
18:00	Cocktail — Escargot Bar (E Building, 3 rd Floor)

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER

SESSION III

**ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR
TRANSPORT AND TRANSIT**

09:00-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What types of measures have been successful in reducing bottlenecks between landlocked and transit developing countries?• What are the international standards which can be adopted by landlocked and transit developing countries which may remove trade barriers and bottlenecks?• What are the key international information and communication technologies in logistics, trade facilitation and supply chain security that would assist landlocked and transit developing countries to better participating to world trade? <p><i>Introduction:</i> Mr. José María Rubiato, Officer-in-Charge, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>Mr. Sambuu Demberel, President and CEO, Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mongolia</p> <p>Mr. Sameer Mubarak, Chairman, Nafith Logistics PSC, Jordan</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>National Experiences</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p>
13:00-15:00	Lunch break

SESSION IV:

PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN TRADE FACILITATION

15:00-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the most effective public-private partnerships models and best practices in promoting trade facilitation?• How can public-private partnerships best provide skills, technology and finance?• How can existing public-private partnerships models be adapted to local conditions and requirements? <p><i>Introduction:</i> Ms. Maria Misovicova, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>Mr. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Advisor on Thailand e-Logistics, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University, Thailand</p> <p>Mr. John Moore, Director, Dublin Port Company, Ireland, partner of the UNCTAD TrainForTrade Port Training Programme</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>National experiences</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p>
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THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER

SESSION V

**MAKING TANGIBLE PROGRESS IN TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS:
THE ROLE OF COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS, CAPACITY BUILDING AND CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

10:00-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can the public-private consultations and coordination over multilateral negotiations effectively be organised in the most effective manner?• How can trade facilitation platforms support the process of trade facilitation reforms?• How can the international community enhance provision of capacity building support to the trade facilitation platforms? <p><i>Introduction:</i> Ms. Birgit Viohl, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD Mr. Lucas Saronga, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of United Republic of Tanzania to the WTO Ms. Nosiku S. Myninda, Lecturer, University of Zambia Mr. Javaid Mansoor, Executive Secretary, National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee, Pakistan Mr. Stephen Fevrier, Senior Technical Attaché, Permanent Delegation of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, Geneva</p> <p><i>Discussant from UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up remarks</i></p>
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
SESSION VI	
15:00	Introduction of Chairman's summary Followed by
CLOSING PLENARY SESSION	
	Adoption of the report of the Expert Meeting.

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