



DRAFT AGENDA REGIONAL INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

Brussels, WCO Headquarters
15-16 June 2015

	Day 1		
	08:45 – 09:30	Arrival of participants and registration	
	09:30 – 09:40	Opening Masters of Ceremony: Ms. Karolyn Salcedo and Ms. Hermie George, WCO Secretariat Opening address: Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General	
	09:40 – 11:00	Session 1: Regional Integration: Stages, Priorities and Challenges	
		Moderator: Mr. Theo Hesselink, WCO Secretariat	
		Mr. Gonzalo Pereira, Director General Customs, Chile, Pacific Alliance	
		Ms. Dagmar Hertova, Economic Affairs Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)	
		Mr. El Aid Mahsoussi, Executive President, Agadir Technical Unit (ATU)	
	11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>	
	11:20 – 13:00	Session 2: Regional integration - Global connectivity at regional level <i>Panel discussion on the use of international standards, instruments and tools in regional integration</i>	
		Moderator: Mr. Erich Kieck, WCO Secretariat	

		Mr. Rajendran Sabaratnam, Additional Director General, Sri Lanka Customs	
		Mr. Takashi Nakao, Deputy Director, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan	
		Mr. Frank Janssens, Head of Unit of the Customs Business, Project and Data Management Unit, EU TAXUD	
		Ms. Lan Hu, Director, General Administration of Customs, P. R. China	
	13:00	Conference Group Photo	
	13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>	
	15:00 – 16:00	Session 3: Regional integration - Mercator Programme – technical assistance for trade facilitation	
		Moderator: Ms. Milena Budimirovic, WCO Secretariat	
		Mr. Ali Ibn Abi Talib Mahmoud, Ambassador (currently senior cooperation specialist in the cooperation and integration department) Islamic Development Bank	
		Mr. Souleymane Sangare, Director Regional Office for Capacity Building, West and Central Africa (ROCB-WCA)	
		Mr. Sishir Kumar Dhungana, Director General of Customs, Nepal	
	16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>	
	16:20 – 18:00	Session 4: A regional approach to risk management	
		Moderator: Mr. Sergio Mujica, WCO Deputy Secretary General	
		Mr. Enrique Canon, Director General, Uruguay Customs	
		Mr. Richard Chopra, Programme Manager, Capacity Building, WCO AND Mr. J. Wakoli Wambati, Regional Project Manager WCO-EAC Customs for Regional East Africa Trade Project	
		Mr. A. Umut Ergezer, Technical Adviser CEFTA Secretariat	
	18:00	<i>Cocktail hosted by Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO</i>	

	Day 2		
	09:00 – 10:30	Session 5: Use of IT - Information exchange, interoperability and regional Single Windows	
		Moderator: Ms. Heike Barczyk, WCO Secretariat	
		Mr. Donald Tan, WCO Secretariat	
		Mr. Rob Van Kuik, Counsellor Tax Policy Directorate, the Netherlands AND Mr; Erik Bosker, Senior Policy Officer, Animal Supply Chain and Animal Welfare Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands AND Ms. Ye Ding, Second Secretary (Customs), Mission of China to the EU	
		Ms. Ebale Nguessan Yvonne Epse Niambe, Deputy Director of Conditional Relief Procedures, Head of the Interconnection Project, Côte d'Ivoire	
	10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>	
	11:00 – 12:30	Session 6: Coordinated Border Management	
		Moderator: Mr. Dmitry Subochev Third Secretary (Customs), Embassy of the Russian Federation, Belgium	
		Mr. Andrey Avramenko, Specialist Expert, Eurasian Economic Commission	
		Mr. Gaozhang Zhu, WCO Secretariat	
		Ms. Elsie Mwachande, First Secretary, Embassy of Malawi in Brussels	
		Mr. Pierre Paquet, Counsellor (Border Services), Mission of Canada to the European Union	
	12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>	
	14:30 – 16:00	Session 7: Transit and other solutions to remove non-harmonised trade barriers	
		Moderator: Ms. Minette Libom Li Likeng, WCO Regional Vice Chair for West and Central Africa and Director General Cameroon Customs	
		Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, WCO Secretariat	
		Mr. Kenneth Bagamuhunda, Director of Customs, East African Community (EAC) Secretariat,	
		Mr. Mehmet Ali Oran, European Union Expert,	

		Ministry of Customs and Trade, Turkey	
		Ms. Dominique Janssens, Executive Officer, German Customs	
	16:00 – 16:30	Closing Closing remarks: Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General	
