



**Partnership In Customs Academic Research and Development**

**Conference 28 – 30 September 2009 - San Jose, Costa Rica**

**Co-Chairs: Professor Jhon Fonseca and Professor David Widdowson**

## **AGENDA**

### **DAY 1: 28 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>14.00 – 15.00</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
	<p>Mr. Lars Karlsson, Director, the World Customs Organization</p> <p>Licda. Amparo Pacheco Oreamuno, Foreign Trade Minister</p> <p>Mr. Henning Jensen, Vice-President of Investigation, University of Costa Rica</p> <p>Lic. D. SOTO SEQUEIRA, Director General de Aduanas, Costa Rica</p> <p>Mr. Francisco Antonio Pacheco Fernandez, Acting President of Costa Rica</p>
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>WCO Presentation</b>
<b>15.30 – 16.15</b>	<p>Mr. Lars Karlsson, Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WCO Capacity Building Strategy and programmes</li> </ul>
<b>16.15 – 18.00</b>	<b>Overview of Conference Proceedings and Administrative Arrangements</b>
	<b>Information Session on PICARD Programme Initiatives</b>
	<p>Mrs. Riitta Passi, PICARD Programme Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WCO Management Development programmes</li> <li>▪ PICARD Professional Standards and WCO recognition procedure</li> </ul>
<b>18:30</b>	Welcome cocktail. With live music performed by an art group from the University of Costa Rica

## **DAY 2: 29 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>09.00 – 10.30</b>	<b>Information Session on PICARD Programme Initiatives</b>
	Mr Mikhail Kashubski <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ International Network of Customs Universities (INCU)</li></ul>
	Prof Jhon Fonseca <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Proposed Chapter of the INCU in Central America</li></ul>
	Mr. Paul Hilaire, Permanent Secretary, CCLEC CCLEC/CCES Certificate and Executive Diploma Programs
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>Presentations on Academic Programmes</b>
	Mr Stephane Lauwick (University of Le Havre) Prof Jhon Fonseca (University of Costa Rica) Prof David Widdowson (University of Canberra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ "Recognition of Prior Learning in Customs Educational Programme – perspectives from three universities"</li></ul>
<b>12. 00 – 12.30</b>	Ms. Mariya Polner, Research Analyst, World Customs Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Green Customs Initiative - "Operation Demeter"</li></ul>
<b>12.30 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.30 – 15.30</b>	<b>Presentations on Research Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The impact of the economic crisis on Customs and international trade</li><li>▪ The impact of Regional Trade Agreements on Customs and trade, with specific reference to the proliferation of such Agreements</li><li>▪ The impact of climate change and environmental protection on Customs and trade</li></ul>
Presentations followed by Q&A session	Mr. Chiza Charles N. Chiumya, Policy Officer–Customs, African Union Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ "Of Regional Trade Agreements: An African Perspective of Challenges for Customs Policies and Future Strategies"</li></ul> Mr. Jean-Michel Grave, Head of Unit, DG TAXUD of the European Commission and Ms. Tiina Satuli, Policy Officer, DG TAXUD of the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ "The EU Customs Union: from regional economic integration to single action on the world trade scene"</li></ul>
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<b>16.00 – 16.45</b>	<b>Presentations on Research Projects (cont)</b>
Presentations followed by Q&A session	<p>Dr. Santiago Ibáñez Marsilla, Professor, University of Valencia, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Recent stimulus packages and WTO law on subsidies"</li> </ul>

### **DAY 3: 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>09.00 – 10.30</b>	<b>Presentations on Research Projects (cont)</b>
Presentations followed by Q&A session	<p>Dr. Maureen Irish, Professor of Law, University of Windsor, Canada "Supply Chain Security Programmes and Border Administration"</p> <p>Dr Guillermo Vilanova, Federal Administrator, Federal Administration of Public Revenues, Argentine Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Academic Reform for the training of International trade professionals"</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Juha Hintsa, Senior Researcher, Cross-Border Research Association, Switzerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Customs Risk Management – preliminary results of a global survey" (Hintsa J., Hameri AP., Finger M., Thibedeau C. et al.)</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Carsten Weerth, Senior Official, Main Customs Office, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Cross-border control of radiological, biological and chemical active and harmful terroristic devices"</li> </ul>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.30</b>	<b>Presentations on Research Projects (cont)</b>
Presentations followed by Q&A session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Michael Haughton, Associate Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Achieving Resource Efficiency by Customs Administrations in a Constrained Economic Climate: A Critical Examination"</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Shujie Zhang, Technical Attaché, WCO Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "TRS as Measure of Trade Facilitation: Customs Experience in Asia Pacific"</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Cezary Sowinski, Ph.D. student; Warsaw University of Economics, Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Exchange rate impact on origin of goods – can one be sure of accuracy of proof of origin in economic turmoil?"</li> </ul>
<b>12.30 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.30 – 15.30</b>	<b>Announcements and Signings</b>
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16.00 – 17.30</b>	<p><b>Concluding Comments</b></p> <p><b>Next Conference</b></p> <p><b>Closing</b></p>

<b>20.00</b>	Banquet. With live music by Costa Rican musical group.
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