

EXPECTED AUDIENCE

- Senior Customs executives responsible for Customs reform, modernization and policy issues, and human resource development;
- Universities and research institutions with an interest in Customs or trade-related research and education;
- Business executives and service providers;
- Representatives of international and regional organizations.

LANGUAGES

The Conference will be held in English, French and Russian, with interpretation.

REGISTRATION

Get registered on <http://picard.spb.ru> before 15th August 2013 for preferential rate.

REGISTRATION FEES	Up to 15 August 2013	After 15 August 2013
Customs, Universities	€ 155	€ 170
Business	€ 300	€ 350

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THE 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Promoting Research-based Knowledge to
Support Customs Decision-Making**

**St. Petersburg,
Russian Federation**

18-20 September 2013

AZIMUT Hotel, St. Petersburg



The WCO PICARD (Partnership in Customs Academic Research and Development) Programme was launched in 2006. Its aim is to provide a platform for promoting the professional standing of Customs and a channel for co-operation between Customs, academic partners and other stakeholders undertaking Customs-related research.

It endeavours to prepare leaders for the future of Customs, and coordinates the development of a set of Professional Standards as a foundation for Customs professional education.

The WCO PICARD: For a coherent Customs professional body sharing specific and graduated knowledge, competencies and skills and fully connected to today's economic and social challenges.



The PICARD Conference 2013 aims at "Promoting Research-based Knowledge to Support Customs Decision-making". It will focus on the following 3 topics :

1. The impact on Customs of the development, implementation and administration of regional integration initiatives
2. The WCO Economic Competitiveness Package (ECP)
3. Enhancing Professionalism in Customs: how to operationalize the PICARD 2020 Strategic Document?

PROGRAMME FOR THE 2013 CONFERENCE

This 8th Conference will consist of :

- Plenary Conference;
- Interactive sessions focusing on each of the study topics, combining introductory communications, round tables facilitated by academics and Customs experts, and oral presentations of selected research papers;
- Brainstorming workshops on future challenges for Customs Practitioners;
- Plenty of opportunities for networking (intersessional breaks, cocktail party and dinner);
- In the margins of the Conference, there will be sightseeing tours of St. Petersburg and the surrounding area.



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