

WCO Revenue Conference 2014

30 June – 1 July 2014,
Brussels, Belgium

Day 1: Monday 30 June 2014	
09:00-10:00	Arrival of participants and registration
10:00-10:10	Opening address: Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General Conference Chairperson: Sergio Mujica, WCO Deputy Secretary General
10:10-11:50	Session 1: Revenue Collection: Priorities, Challenges and the Way Forward
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gene Ravele, Chief Officer, Customs and Border Management, South African Revenue Service Wallace Akondor, Commissioner of Customs, Ghana Revenue Authority Abdelmajid Bourra, Chef de la Division des Etudes, Morocco Customs <p style="text-align: center;">Questions and Answers: 25 minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enrico Martino, Head of International Relations, Italian Customs and Monopolies Agency Nor Haziah Abd Wahab, Deputy Director, International Affairs, Royal Malaysian Customs
11:50-12:10	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
12:10-12:30	Presentation: The Revenue Package and its relevance to WCO Members
	Revenue Package : Background and future activities: Ian Cremer, WCO Tariff and Trade Directorate, Valuation Sub-Directorate
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30-16:00	Session 2: Customs Valuation for Related Parties/Transfer Pricing
	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel discussion on the relationship between transfer pricing and Customs valuation and the challenges thereof</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Joel Cooper, World Bank Group (Moderator)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Astrid Pieron, Mayer Brown Law Firm Melinda Brown, OECD Zhang Zheng, Director of Valuation, General Administration of Customs, China Ian Cremer, WCO
16:00-16:20	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:20-17:50	Session 3: VAT, Excise and Compliance
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Norwegian Import/VAT Systems</i>: Pål Hellesylt, Director, Norwegian Customs <i>Environmental Taxes</i>: Robert Luessi, Vice Director, Swiss Federal Department of Finance, Swiss Customs <i>The Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products and How to Tackle it</i>, Liz Allen, International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC)
18:00	<i>Cocktail hosted by Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO</i>

Day 2: Tuesday 1 July 2014	
09:30-10:40	Session 4: Revenue and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement(TFA)
	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel discussion on the TFA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Susanne Aigner, Deputy Director, Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO (Moderator)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pieter Haesaert, BDO Customs 2. Norman Schenk, Chair of ICC Commission on Customs and Trade Facilitation 3. Christophe Renard, SICPA Security Solutions SA 4. John Malone, DG TAXUD 5. Azarema Abdulkadir, Comptroller, Nigeria Customs Service
10:40-11:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:00-12:30	Session 5: WCO Research and Research Partnerships
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Performance Measurement Contracts (PMC) Tool</i>; Thomas Cantens, WCO Research Unit 2. <i>Study on optimum de-minimis levels for border taxes, including a web-based simulation tool</i>; Juha Hintsa, Cross-border Research Association 3. <i>National Tax and Customs revenue statistics</i>; Jocelyn Pierre, OECD Center for Tax Policy and Administration
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30-16:00	Session 6: Informal Trade Practices
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Ireland, WCO Research Unit 2. Xavier Cardenas, Director General, Ecuador Customs 3. Richard K. Kamajugo, Commissioner, Customs Department, Uganda Revenue Authority
16:00-16:20	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:20-17:50	Session 7: Revenue and Regional Integration
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beatrice Memo, Commissioner of Customs Services, Kenya Revenue Authority 2. Preferential origin procedures to secure revenue-the role of Customs in regional integration; Riki Tamaki, Deputy Director, International Negotiations Division, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance of Japan 3. <i>Mexico's 20-year experience of implementing the NAFTA agreement, Rules of Origin</i>; Maria Elena Sierra, General Administration for Foreign Trade Audit, Mexico Customs
17:50-18:00	Closing remarks: Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General