



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual WCO Picard Conference

Baku, Azerbaijan  
8-10 September 2015

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The World Customs Organization and the Azerbaijan Customs Service are pleased to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> annual WCO Picard Conference. The Conference will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 8 to 10 September 2015.

You are cordially invited to submit your research for presentation at the conference. Papers should focus on Customs or, more globally, the regulation, dynamics, and practices of the international trade of goods; conference topics will include, but are not necessarily limited to, the connection between global value chains (GVC) and Customs procedures, taxation and other revenue matters, and smuggling.

GVC entails “the full range of activities that are required to bring a product from its conception, through its design, its sourced raw materials and intermediate inputs, its marketing, its distribution and its support to the final consumer” (Kaplinsky, 1998).<sup>1</sup> GVC is of interest to Customs professionals due to the increased fragmentation of production processes at the international level and, as a consequence, circulation of intermediary goods. More focus on GVC would identify new ways of analyzing the participation of Customs in international trade and globalization.

*Taxation and other revenue matters* include, but are not limited to, classification and valuation, exchange of information, *de minimis*, excise taxes, and VAT.

*Smuggling* includes smuggler practices and enforcement against illegal trade, as well as security controls (such as those related to passengers and weapons).

Please note that papers are required; abstracts will not be considered.

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<sup>1</sup> Kaplinsky, R. (1998), “Globalisation, Industrialization, and Sustainable Growth: The Pursuit of the Nth Rent,” IDS Discussion Paper 365, *Institute of Development Studies*, Sussex University.

Papers should be submitted in accordance with following requirements:

- A minimum of 4,000 words and a maximum of 10,000 words (not including the bibliography).
- Arial font size 11.
- Footnotes rather than endnotes should be used.
- Submissions should be in English, French, Russian, or Spanish.

Ample time will be allowed for discussion and simultaneous interpretation will be provided at the conference in the aforementioned four languages and Azerbaijani.

Alternatively, or in addition, you are invited to propose a panel consisting of 2 or 3 speakers on a cohesive topic that would include the presentation of research already conducted or nearing completion by 1 June 2015. The proposed panel should include at least one completed paper, whether or not this has been published already.

To respond to this Call for Papers, please submit papers or panel proposals with the following details by email to [picard2015@wcoomd.org](mailto:picard2015@wcoomd.org) no later than 1 June 2015:

- Name, title, and biography (maximum 250 words) of author or authors
- Current position, organization, and country of author or authors
- Contact email and telephone
- Proposed title of paper

Authors will be notified by 15 July 2015 of acceptance or rejection of their paper for presentation at the Conference.

The WCO is grateful to the Korea Customs Service for its donor support.

The WCO is grateful to the members of a Scientific Board for WCO that will select the papers for the Conference.

If necessary, the WCO will seek to identify funding for reasonable travel and hotel expenses for a small number of presenters selected under this Call for Papers that lack institutional backing.

Options for publication of selected papers can be discussed with authors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [picard2015@wcoomd.org](mailto:picard2015@wcoomd.org).

Information about the Conference including venue, accommodation, visa requirements, and registration, will be made available in due course at the following website address:  
<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/events.aspx>

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