

# Conference on the future of the Harmonized System

2 - 3 May, 2019 WCO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium

Day 1 2 May	
8:00	Registration Opens
9:30 - 10:30	<p><u>Opening Address:</u> <b>Dr. Kunio Mikuriya</b> Secretary General, World Customs Organization (WCO)</p> <p><u>Keynote Speakers:</u> <b>Ms. Suja Rishikesh Mavroidis</b> Director, Market Access Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <p><b>Ms. Carol West</b> Secretary, International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA)</p>
	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<p><u>Panel One: Is the HS still fit for purpose?</u> <i>Panel 1 Topics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The HS and Customs</li><li>• The changing face of trade and the HS</li><li>• Trade negotiations</li><li>• Health, environmental and public security challenges for the HS</li><li>• The HS and Data</li></ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Gael Grooby</b>, Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Mr. Roy Santana</b> Counsellor, Market Access Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <p><b>Mr. Patrik Jonasson</b> Director Public Policy Asia-Pacific, GS1 - Global Standards One</p> <p><b>Mr. Ronald Steenblik</b> Senior Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development</p> <p><b>Mr. Carlos Halasz</b> Customs Compliance Officer, Global Trade, HP Inc</p> <p><b>Mr. Ken Montgomery</b> Vice President, International Trade Regulation &amp; Compliance, CompTIA and representative of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)</p>
	Lunch



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<p>14:30 – 16:00</p>	<p><u>Panel Two: Finding the pain points - what are the problems?</u></p> <p><i>Panel 2 Topics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simplicity and user-friendliness – are people “getting it right?”</li> <li>• Structural soundness and defining classes</li> <li>• Underlying concepts – shared understanding?</li> <li>• Decoding the HS – the problems of language</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Ping Liu</b> Director of Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Kaie Van Muylem</b> Team Leader, WCO/HS Coordination, European Commission, DG TAXUD</p> <p><b>Mr. Randy Rotchin</b> President and Chief Executive Officer, 3CE</p> <p><b>Mr. Francisco Jaime King</b> Vice-Chair, WCO Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG) Past Chairman, International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA)</p> <p><b>Mrs. Michèle Petitgenet</b> President, L’Office de Développement par l’Automatisation et la Simplification du Commerce Extérieur (ODASCE) (International Trade Facilitation and Simplification Body (ODASCE)) CCE Paris President of the Training Commission (ODASCE)</p> <p><b>Mr. Robert Smith</b> VAT &amp; Global Trade Leader, EY Americas</p>
	<p>Break</p>
<p>16:30 – 18:00</p>	<p><u>Plenary Forum: Defining the ideal nomenclature (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 fora)</u></p> <p><i>Topics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What would an ideal HS look like?</li> <li>• What features or capabilities do we want to keep or create?</li> <li>• What must be avoided or removed?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Alexey Shcheglov</b>, Lead HS Expert, EU-WCO Programme for HS in Africa, WCO</p>

Day 2 3 May	
9:30 - 10:30	<p><u>Keynote Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Ivo Havinga</b> Assistant Director, Chief of Economics Statistics Branch, United Nations Statistics Division/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNSD/DESA)</p> <p><b>Mr. Norman Schenk</b> Vice President of Global Customs Policy and Public Affairs, UPS. Chair, ICC Commission on Customs and Trade Facilitation</p> <p><b>Dr. Lukas Linsi</b> Assistant Professor, International Political Economy, University of Groningen, Netherlands</p>
	Break
11:00 - 13:00	<p><u>Panel Three – What should happen?</u></p> <p><i>Panel 3 Topics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts and Opportunities</li> <li>• Global system – global focus</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Leo Callaghan</b>, Technical Officer, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Hiroshi Takami</b> Deputy Director-General, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance (MOF), Japan</p> <p><b>Mr. Cunqiang Zheng</b> Deputy Director-General of Customs National Supervision Bureau of Duty Collection (Guangzhou), General Administration of China Customs (GACC)</p> <p><b>Ms. Carol West</b> Member of the Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG)</p>
	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	<p><u>Plenary Forum: Defining the ideal nomenclature (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 fora)</u></p> <p><i>Topics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining what is wanted from the HS system</li> <li>• Giving priorities</li> <li>• Deciding how we want to move forward</li> <li>• Creating the Conference Recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Gael Grooby</b>, Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p>
	Break
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Presentation of the Conference Recommendations</p> <p><u>Closing address:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Ping Liu</b> Director of Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p>



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