WORKSHOP ON

LOGISTICS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALMATY PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON TRANSIT TRANSPORT COOPERATION

AS PART OF THE

MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALMATY PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

CONFERENCE ROOM 9, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK
MONDAY 2 JUNE 2008, 9.30 AM – 1.30 PM

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

9:30 – 9:35  Welcome address by UN Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra

9:35 – 9:45  Introduction – Mr. Marc Juhel, Sector Manager, Transport, The World Bank (via VC link)

9:45 – 10:05  The economics of being landlocked – Mr. Christopher Willoughby, former Director Transport Department, The World Bank

Understanding performance and costs for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) using the recently published dataset on logistics performance (LPI). Research shows that unreliability of delivery times and the many forms of rent-seeking from international trade are the main contributors to the high costs landlocked countries have to bear.

10:05 – 10:40  Transit country gains from good service to landlocked neighbors

Findings from recent comparative research – Mr. Graham Smith, Transport and Logistics Advisor, International Trade Department, The World Bank

Comments – Mr. Jose Rubiato, Chief, Transport Section, Trade and Logistics Branch, UNCTAD (via VC link)

Open floor for questions and comments

10:40 – 11:20  Public monitoring systems for trade corridor performance: the case for harmonization

System and pilot-tested indicators and proposed solutions – Mr. Robin Carruthers, Transport and Logistics Advisor, International Trade Department, The World Bank
Comment and experience in Southeast Europe – Ms. Eva Molnar, Director, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (via VC link)

Open floor for questions and comments

11:20 – 11:40
Break

11:40 – 12:20
Transit regimes: TIR and other guarantee systems. A case for global standards?

Conclusions of the global review and pilot technical assistance in Central Africa – Mr. Jean-François Arvis, Senior Transport Economist, International Trade Department, The World Bank

Comment and illustrations – Mr. Gérard Luyet, Swiss Customs

Open floor for questions and comments

12:20 – 12:50
Alternative solutions: the role of international air freight services for Landlocked Developing Countries

Lessons from the last two decades – Mr. Henry Bofinger, Air Transport Consultant, International Trade Department, The World Bank

Open floor for questions and comments

12:50 – 13:30
Conclusions from the day’s discussions and identification of points that might warrant further attention in preparation of the mid-term review of the Almaty Programme of Action – Ms. Mona Haddad, Sector Manager, International Trade Department, The World Bank

Closing remarks by UN Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra

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