



SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM



High-Level Meeting for the Euro-Asia Region on Improving Cooperation on Transit, Trade Facilitation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

7-9 March, 2017

Song Hong Ballroom, Sheraton Ha Noi Hotel
Ha Noi, Viet Nam

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

08:30-09:00

Registration

09:00 – 09:10

Photo Session

09:10-10:30

Opening Session

- Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS
- H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the S.R. of Viet Nam
- H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava, President of UN Economic and Social Council
- Message of H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, delivered by H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Special Envoy on SDG implementation and Climate Change
- Mr. Hongbo Wu, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank
- Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary-General of World Customs Organisation
- Mr. Jin Liqun, President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- Mr. Bambang Susantono, Asian Development Bank Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development
- Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Secretary-General of International Road Transport Union

10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:30	<p>Initiatives to Improving Cooperation on Transit, Trade Facilitation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by Member States and inter-governmental organisations</p> <p>MODERATOR: H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son, Permanent Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the S.R. of Viet Nam</p> <p>Statements by Heads of delegations and inter-governmental organizations following the speakers' list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E.Mr. HumayoonRasaw, Minister of Commerce and Industries of Afghanistan • Hon. RomiGauchanThakali, Minister of Commerce of Nepal • H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanhthaboury, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Lao PDR •
12:30-14:30	LUNCH (Oven D'or Restaurant)
14:30-16:00	<p>Session 1: Enhancing implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <p>MODERATOR: Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLS</p> <p><i>This session will discuss how to foster cooperation between the LLDCs and transit countries so as to enhance implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development with a focus on the set of SDGs to be reviewed by the fifth High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) which include SDGs 1; 2; 3; 5; 9; 14 and 17.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Special Envoy of the UN President of the General Assembly on SDGs implementation and Climate Change 2. Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank 3. Mr. ThangavelPalanivel, UNDP Chief Economist for Asia and the Pacific region 4. Ms. Nguyen Le Thuy, Deputy Director General, Department of Science and Education, Ministry of Investment and Planning of the S.R. of Viet Nam <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
16:00-16:15	BREAK
16:15-18:00	<p>Session 2: Cooperation on Transit Infrastructure Development and Transit Corridors - best practices, challenges and opportunities</p> <p>MODERATOR:Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss and share experiences on challenges, opportunities and best practices on cooperating on transit infrastructure development, and development of transit corridors and suggest recommendations to enhance cooperation.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ambassador Michael B. Christides, Secretary General of the Permanent

	<p>International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mr. Mircea Ciopraga, Secretary General, Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission of TRACECA 3. Mr. Ho Quang Trung, Director of Market Integration Directorate, Economic Community Department, ASEAN 4. Mr. Jean Baptiste Mutabazi, Director of Infrastructure and Logistics, COMESA 5. Mr. Eric Sidgwick, Country Director of Vietnam Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank 6. Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Asia Pacific Institute of Mongolia 7. Mr. Tran Viet Ha, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Transportation of the S.R. of Viet Nam <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
19:00	<p>Reception hosted by the Government of Viet Nam (by invitation) Venue: Song Hong Ballroom</p>
DAY 2	
9:00-10:45	<p>Session 3: Enhancing Cooperation on International Trade and Trade Facilitation</p> <p>MODERATOR: Ambassador Juan Esteban Aguirre Martinez, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in Geneva, and LLDC Group Coordinator on Trade and Development</p> <p><i>This session will discuss ways of enhancing cooperation between the LLDCs and transit countries to promote trade and trade facilitation including the Trade Facilitation Agreement and share best practices.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank 2. Mr. Raul Torres, Counselor, Development Division, WTO 3. National experiences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hon. Romi Gauchan Thakali, Minister of Commerce of Nepal b. H. E. Mr. Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Commerce and Industries of Afghanistan <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
10:45-11:00	BREAK
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 4: Enhancing Cooperation on Legal Framework for Transit at Bilateral, Regional, and Global Levels</p> <p>MODERATOR: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, UN-OHRLS</p> <p><i>This session will discuss ways of enhancing cooperation between the LLDCs and transit countries on the legal framework for transit at bilateral, regional and global levels including</i></p>

	<p><i>how they can better utilize available conventions and agreements aimed at facilitating transit operations.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. André Sceia, TIR secretariat, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe 2. Mr. Jens Hugel, Head – Goods Transport and Sustainable Development, International Road Transport Union 3. Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, World Customs Organization <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
12:30-14:30	LUNCH (Oven D’or Restaurant)
14:30-16:00	<p>Session 5a: Strategies and experience sharing on promoting customs cooperation</p> <p>MODERATOR:H.E. Mr. Frederick MusiiwaMakamureShava, President of UN Economic and Social Council</p> <p><i>This session will discuss and share experiences on how to improve customs cooperation including a review of the draft WCO transit guidelines.</i></p> <p>Presentation of WCO Transit Guidelines by Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, WCO</p> <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p> <p>Presentations on National Experience on Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viet Nam (Mr. Nguyen Nhat Kha, Deputy Director of Customs Supervision and Control Department, General Department of Customs) • Serbia (Mr. Veselin Milosevic, Acting Deputy DG of the Customs Administration of Serbia) • Kyrgyzstan (Mr. ShamilBerdaliev, Deputy Chairman) <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
16:15-16:30	BREAK

<p>16:30-18:00</p>	<p>Session 5b: National Experiences on effective Customs Transit</p> <p>MODERATOR: Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, World Customs Organization</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moldova Customs (Mr. Vitalie Vrabie, Director General of Customs Service, Moldova) 2. Turkish Customs (Mr. Osman Nuri BEYHAN, Deputy Director General for the EU and External Relations) 3. Azerbaijan (Mr. ShahinBaghirov, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee) 4. Lao PDR (Mr. VongkhamhengVongthachack, Deputy Director General of Lao Customs Department) 5. Mr. Poul Hansen, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
<p>DAY 3</p>	
<p>9:00-10:30</p>	<p>Session 6: Enhancing Partnerships and means of implementation</p> <p>MODERATOR:Mr. Hongbu Wu, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p><i>This session will discuss and share experiences on how to enhance partnerships and international initiatives and means of implementation to support strengthening of cooperation between the LLDCs and transit countries to increase their trade potential and overall sustainable development.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Katsuro Nagai, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Vietnam 2. Mr. Vu Quang Minh, Assistant Minister, Director-General, Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the S.R. of Viet Nam 3. Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank 4. Mr. Virgil Nae, Head of European Investment Bank Representation to China and Mongolia 5. Mr. Eric Sidgwick, Country Director of Vietnam Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
<p>10:30-10:45</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>10:45-12:00</p>	<p>Way forward and closing session</p> <p>MODERATOR:Mr. Vu Quang Minh, Assistant Minister, Director-General, Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the S.R. of Viet Nam</p> <p><i>The session will summarize the key recommendations of the meeting and discuss the way forward.</i></p>

	<p>Presentation of key recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Juan Esteban Aguirre Martinez, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in Geneva, and LLDC Group Coordinator on Trade and Development <p><i>Closing Statements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLS
12:00 – 12:30	PRESS CONFERENCE
12:30	LUNCH(Oven D'or Restaurant)
14:00-17:00	CITY TOUR (Viet Nam National Museum of History, Imperial Citadel of Thang Long)