

Global Trade Facilitation Conference 2011

“Connecting International Trade: Single Windows and Supply Chains in the Next Decade”

Tentative Programme

Geneva 12-13 December 2011

Monday, 12 December 2011

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration & Welcome coffee**

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening Session**

Welcome Address: Ján KUBIŠ Executive Secretary of UNECE

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 1: Visions for information sharing in global supply chains and Single Window**

Objective: to present latest policy, regulatory and technological opportunities and challenges for information-sharing in international supply chains.

11:45 – 12:00 **Q&A** - Participants will be able to submit questions and issues through the Internet.

12:00 – 12:45 **Session 2: Lessons learned from 10-years Single Window implementation**

Objective: to identify business, technology and managerial models for the sustainable development of Single Windows and to examine the role of Governments, and to discuss the strategic priorities for the next decade, including the policy, legal and technical context for Single Window interoperability.

12:45 – 13:00 **Q&A** - Participants will be able to submit questions and issues through the Internet.

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch Break**

15:00 – 15:45 **Sessions learned from 10-years Single Window implementation – continued**

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15:45 – 16:00 **Q&A** - Participants will be able to submit questions and issues through the Internet.

16:00 – 17:30 **Session 3: Roundtable discussion on the Single Window Concept: achievements, challenges and future developments**

Objective: Panel discussion on the Single Window Concept: What did we achieve, does the SW concept and definition match what we are implementing, what will be future requirements? Do we need to review the concept? How will Single Windows at the end of this decade look like?

17:45 – 19:30 **Welcome reception**

Tuesday, 13 December 2011

10:00 – 11:00 **Session 4: Cross-border information exchange for regional integration**

To examine the role of cross-border data exchange in support of regional economic and trade integration, especially in the context of regional trade agreements, customs unions, and specific transit agreements.

11:00 – 11:15 **Q&A** Participants will be able to submit questions and issues through the Internet.

11:15 – 12:45 **Session 5: Connecting the supply chain – using standards and technology to implement the vision**

Objective: to present new concepts, standards and technologies for security and efficiency in international supply chains and how these standards are used

12:45 – 13:00 **Q&A** Participants will be able to submit questions and issues through the Internet.

15:00 – 15:45 **Session 6: Legal Frameworks to enable data sharing in international supply chains**

Objective: The session will look into the need for legal frameworks for cross-border data exchange and present possible approaches.

15:45 – 17:00 **Session 7: Roundtable discussion on the future development of information exchange in cross border trade: Governments and Business visions and objectives**

Objective: Panel discussion on how information sharing in global supply chains could evolve in the next five years, as well as on roles and objectives of Governments and Businesses.

17:00 – 17:15 **Q&A** Participants will be able to submit questions and issues through the Internet.

17:15 – 18:00 **Session 8: Conference conclusions**

Objective: Recommendations of participants to Governments, the United Nations system and business community to pave the way for an open, transparent and inclusive global trading system based on intelligent use of trade information.

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