



World Customs Organization

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WCO Free Zone Online Conference
Meeting the SDGs - Ensuring Customs involvement for Free Zones' competitiveness, safety and sustainability
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| 11:30-12:00 | Registration |
| 12:00-12:15 | Session 1 - Opening Ceremony |
| | <p>Opening address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General - H.E. Ahmad Abdullah Bin Lahej Alfalasi, Director General of Federal Customs Authority, United Arab Emirates (UAE) - Mr. Chris Martin, UK HMRC, Co-chair of the OECD Task Force on Countering Illicit Trade (TF-CIT) |
| 12:15-13:15 | Session 2 – High level Round table: Meeting the SDGs- Ensuring Customs involvement for FZs' competitiveness, safety and sustainability |
| | <p>Moderator: Mr. Ricardo Treviño Chapa, Deputy Secretary General, WCO</p> <p>Key Presentation: Ms. Rosine Kemi Onabanjo, Associate Partner in McKinsey's Lagos office, McKinsey & Company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Customs involvement to ensure competitiveness, safety and sustainability in FZs</i> - <i>Ensuring safe and secure storage of goods, including Dangerous Goods in FZs</i> <p>Panellists (3): Customs administrations, Free zone authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Taira I. BARSALLO, Director General, Panama Customs - Mr. Richard Kilborn, National Director of Investment, Ministry of Commerce and Industries of Panama - Mr. James Swanson, Director over Cargo Security and Controls, U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Mr. Hisham Abou Ibrahim, Senior advisor to the President of Higher Council of Lebanese Customs |
| 13:15-14:10 | Session 3 – Panel Session: Resilience, Recovery and Renewal of FZs - Ensuring safety and security requirements |
| | <p>Moderator: Mr. Pranab Kumar Das, Director, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO</p> <p>Keynote Presentation: Mr. Michael Morantz, Policy Analyst, Financial Action Task Force (FATF)</p> |

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| | <p>-Are lighter Customs controls still necessary for FZs? -Money Laundering vulnerabilities of FZs</p> <p>Panellists (3): from International Organization, Private Sector and Customs administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Yasuhiro Yoshida, Assistant Manager, Toyota Motor Corporation - Ms. Sophie Peresson, Director, ICC BASCAP (Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy) - Mr. Nidal Salameh, Head of Clearance Unit, Al- Zarqa FZ Custom House, Jordan Customs |
| 14:10-14:55 | Session 4 – Panel Session : Rules of Origin and FZs |
| | <p>Moderator: Mr. Ping Liu, Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs</p> <p>Key Presentation: Mr. Stefano Inama, Chief, Technical Cooperation and Enhanced Integrated Framework Section, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Free Trade Agreements and Free zones -Origin determination of goods manufactured in FZs <p>Panellists (2): from Private Sector and Customs administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jean-Michel GRAVE, Head of Unit E5 (International Affairs II), DG TAXUD, European Commission - Mr. Shubhendu Misra, Alliance Global Director, Customs & Trade, Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi |
| 14:55-15:00 | Session 5 - Closing Ceremony |
| | <p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>Mr. Ricardo Treviño Chapa, Deputy Secretary General, WCO</p> |