UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROJECT 1213AA: "STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION TO FACILITATE LEGITIMATE BORDER CROSSING, REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION"

Seminar for the Promotion of Electronic Exchange of Customs Information and the Adoption of Standard Electronic Messages

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PROGRAM

DAY 1: 20 June 2016	
9:00-10:00	Registration (Pregny Gate)
Opening session	
10:00-10:15	Opening of the meeting • *Mr. Miodrag Pesut (UNECE)*
Session 1: Facilitating transport and transit – the roles of ICT Moderator : Mr. Fedor Kormilitsyn (ESCAP)	
10:15-11:30	The use of ICT by the private sector and governments greatly contributes to further facilitating transport of goods across borders and making transit systems faster and more secure. This session will focus on exploring what can be done at international level to maximise the benefits of ICT. • *Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg (UNOHRLLS)* • *Mr. Lance Thomson (UN/CEFACT)* • *Mr. André Sceia (UNECE)*
	Q&A
11:30-11:45	*Coffee break*
Session 2: Facilitating trade and transit through the use of international standards Moderator : Mr. Fedor Kormilitsyn (ESCAP)	
11:45-13:00	The adoption and use of international standard has long been a corner stone of trade and transport facilitation. This session will focus on the main international standardisation bodies related to trade, transport and transit. • *Mrs. Hermie George (WCO)* • *Ms. Maria Ceccarelli (UNECE)*
	Q&A
13:00-15:00	*Lunch break*
Session 3: Customs tools and standards for C2C information exchange Moderator : Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene (ESCWA)	
15:00-16:30	This session to focus on the presentation of transit related standards and tools that can help countries further facilitate and secure their transit systems. • *Mr. Thierry Kunz (IRU)* • *Mr. Fedor Kormilitsyn (UNESCAP)* • *Mr. Dmitry Godunov (UNCTAD)*
	Q&A
16:30-16:45	*Coffee break*
Session 4: IT supporting the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Moderator : Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene (ESCWA)	
16:45-18:00	This session will focus on the how governments can leverage ICT solutions to help them implement the WTO TFA. • *Mr. Alejandro Gamboa-Alder (WTO)* • *Ms. Hermie George (WCO)* • *Mr. Tarcisio Hardman Reis (UNECE)*
	Q&A

DAY 2: 21 June 2016	
Session 5: Presentation of the results of the UNDA project Moderator : *Mr. Gbaguidi Ochozias (UNECA)*	
10:00-11:30	This session will focus on presenting the objective and the results achieved in all regions in the course of the project "Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration" • *Mr. André Sceia (UNECE)* • *Ms. Ekaterina Katamadze (GEC)* • *Mr. Fedor Kormilitsyn (ESCAP)*
11:30-11:45	*Coffee break*
Session 5: Presentation of the results of the pilot projects (continues)	
11:45-13:00	• *Mr. Nanno Mulder (ECLAC)* • *Mr. Gbaguidi Ochozias (UNECA)* • *Mr. Adel Al-Ghaberi (ESCWA)*
	Q&A
13:00-15:00	*Lunch break*
Session 6: C2C electronic data exchange: Improving transit systems Moderator : Mr. Nanno Mulder (ECLAC)	
15:00-16:30	This session will focus on the computerization of regional transit systems. • *Mr. Eduardo Espinoza (SIECA)* • *Mr. Gyula Meszaros (European Union)* • *Ms. Natalia Oquendo (Mercosur)* • *Ms. Barbara Matamala (Pacific Alliance)*
16:30-16:45	*Coffee break*
Session 7: Country experiences in C2C electronic data exchange Moderator : Mr. Nanno Mulder (ECLAC)	
16:45-17:30	This session will focus on challenges faced by customs administrations and the solutions they have implemented to enable C2C data exchange. • *Mrs. Didem Dirlik (Turkey)* • *Mr. Baktybek Baiserkeev (Kyrgyz Republic)*
	Q&A
Final Session Moderator : Mr. André Sceia (UNECE)	
17:30 - 18:00	Conclusions and recommendations