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**Inter-regional Expert Group Meeting  
on the United Nations Development Accounts Project 1213AA -  
Strengthening the capacities of developing countries  
and countries with economies in transition  
to facilitate legitimate border crossing,  
regional cooperation and integration**

**Second session**

Geneva, 22 June 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda**

**Annotated provisional agenda for the first session<sup>1 2</sup>**

to be held in Salle XV, Palais de Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.00 hours<sup>3</sup>

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Status of the project.
3. Regional developments:
  - (a) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.
  - (b) Economic Commission for Europe;
  - (c) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
  - (d) Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and Economic Commission for Africa;
4. Evaluation.
5. Conclusions and way forward.

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the project website ([http://www.unece.org/trans/themes/unda\\_customs-to-customs.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/themes/unda_customs-to-customs.html)).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download on the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://live.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>>. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email ([andre.sceia@unece.org](mailto:andre.sceia@unece.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

<sup>3</sup> It is recommended to be at the reception of the building at the least 30 minutes earlier to allow for sufficient time to go through security.

## I. Time table

	<i>Welcome and election of a chairperson</i>	<i>15'</i>	<i>9:00-9:15</i>
1.	Adoption of the agenda.	15'	9:15-9:30
2.	Status of the project.	40'	9:30-10:00
	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>20'</i>	<i>10:00-10:15</i>
3.	Regional developments:		
	(a) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.		10:15-11:00
	Presentation	30'	
	Q&A	15'	
	(b) Economic Commission for Europe;		11:00-11:45
	Presentation	30'	
	Q&A	15'	
	(c) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;		11:45-12:30
	Presentation	30'	
	Q&A	15'	
	<i>Lunch Break</i>		<i>12:30-14:15</i>
	(d) Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and Economic Commission for Africa;		14:15-15:45
	Presentation	60'	
	Q&A	30'	
	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>20'</i>	<i>15:45-16:00</i>
4.	Evaluation.	90'	16:00-17:30
5.	Conclusions and way forward.	30'	17:30-18:00

### **III. Annotations**

#### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Inter-regional Expert Group on the United Nations Development Account UNDA project 1213AA - “*Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration*”, further referred to as the “Expert Group”, may wish to adopt the provision agenda contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 1 (2016).

##### **Documentation**

Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 1 (2016)

#### **2. Status of the project**

The UNDA project 1213AA -*Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration*- is a global project involving the five RC, i.e. the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Each RC, has been responsible for a sub-regional project aimed at increasing the use of Customs to Customs (C2C) electronic data exchange to further secure and accelerate international transport of goods.

The second session of the Expert Group is aimed at presenting and evaluating the results achieved by the project, in particular the five sub-regional projects. With this in mind, the Expert Group may wish to review the project objectives as well as the conclusions and recommendations of the Expert Groups at its first session (Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 8 (2014), paras 19-27).

The Expert Group may also wish to discuss the results of the Seminar and be informed of the development and deployment of the Central Exchange Platform developed in the course of the project.

#### **4. Regional sub-projects**

**(a) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean**

While recalling the “gap” analysis contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 6 (2014), the Expert Group may wish to be informed and discuss of the results of the ECLAC sub-project, including the technical assistance report, contained in Informal documents UNDA1213AA/No. 2 (2016).

**Documentation**

Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 6 (2014), Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 2 (2016)

**(b) Economic Commission for Europe**

While recalling the “gap” analysis contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 2 (2014), the Expert Group may wish to be informed of and discuss the results of the UNECE sub-project, including the technical assistance report, contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 3 (2016).

**Documentation**

Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 2 (2014), Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 3 (2016)

**(c) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

While recalling the “gap” analysis contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 5 (2014), the Expert Group may wish to be informed and discuss of the results of the ESCAP sub-project, including the technical assistance report, contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 4 (2016).

**Documentation**

Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 5 (2014), Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 4 (2016)

**(d) Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and Economic Commission for Africa**

While recalling the “gap” analyses contained in Informal documents UNDA1213AA/No. 3 (2014) and UNDA1213AA/No. 4 (2014), the Expert Group may wish to be informed and discuss of the results of the ECA/ESCWA sub-projects, including the technical assistance report, contained in Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 5 (2016).

**Documentation**

Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 3 (2014), Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 4 (2014), Informal document UNDA1213AA/No. 5 (2016)

#### **4. Evaluation**

On the basis of the “gap” analyses, which are aimed at assessing the legal and technical needs of candidate countries to enable or extend C2C electronic exchange of transit information, of the project results and of the experience of the experts present, the Expert Group will evaluate the project results in the light of the project objectives, in particular its expected accomplishments.

The Expert Group may wish to note that, in line with the UNDA practice, a consultant was hired to conduct an independent evaluation of the project. Project focal points and, possibly, some key stakeholders will most likely be contacted by the consultant. All Regional Commissions will receive a copy of the evaluation report

#### **5. Conclusions and way forward**

The Expert Group may wish to draw conclusions for the project and make recommendations for the future global or regional activities in the field of C2C data exchange to facilitate transit. It may also wish to explore follow up activities, regional and inter-regional, in order to further leverage the results achieved in the course of the project.

UNECE secretariat will prepare a summary report of the session and circulate it among all participants within 2 weeks after the meeting.

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