

AGENDA

SESSION II

Trade and Investment

24 November 2015 (Tuesday), 13:30 – 17:00

OBJECTIVE: To discuss how two priorities of CEFTA, trade facilitation and liberalisation of trade in services, would be related to investment and also to present which are the tools (to be) available in CEFTA trade policy such as trade facilitation, liberalisation of trade in services, easing access to markets, and diagonal cumulation of origin in the context of investment. How the liberalisation of trade in services and the activities in CEFTA, particularly the negotiations in trade in services, will affect investment policies and the investment attractiveness of CEFTA region.

MODERATOR:

Mr. Octavian CALMIC, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova

Presentations from CEFTA Parties // opinions and remarks

13:30-13:40	"Investment liberalization in the context of CEFTA: Challenges and benefits" Ms. Pranvera KASTRATI, Chief Sector, SME and Private Sector Environment, Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship of Albania
13:40-13:50	"Output of Foreign Investments on the National Growth." Ms. Biljana DODEVSKA, State Counsellor, Ministry of Economy of Macedonia
13:50-14:00	"The Impact/Role of CEFTA Priorities on Improving the Investment Climate in Serbia" Ms. Jadranka ZENIC ZELJKOVIC, Head of WTO Department, Department for Multilateral and Regional Economic and Trade Cooperation, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications of Serbia
14:00-14:15	Questions and Answers

Presentations of the International Organizations

14:15-14:40	Ms. Gordana TOSEVA , Senior Advisor, USAID Regional Economic Growth Project; <u>Presentation: "WTO Agreement of Trade Facilitation: Impact and Benefits"</u> Ms. Violane KONAR-LEACY , Project Manager, Regional Trade Logistic Project, IFC Europe and Central Asia Department; <u>Presentation: "Creating Trusted Partnership for Trade Facilitation Reforms: National Trade Facilitation Committees in CEFTA Parties"</u>
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14:40-14:50	<p>Mr. Ramesh CHAITOO, Trade Consultant of CEFTA Secretariat</p> <p><u>Presentation: "The Interface between Trade in Services and Investment Rules in Free Trade Areas"</u></p>
14:50-15:00	<p>Ms. Dragana DJURICA, Expert on Integrated Growth, Regional Cooperation Council</p> <p><u>Presentation: "Implementing the Investment Policy Aspects of the SEE 2020 Strategy"</u></p>
15:00-15:10	<p>Mr. Vasile PLAMADEALA, Trade Officer, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova</p> <p><u>Presentation: "Trade for All - New EU Trade and Investment Strategy"</u></p>
15:10-15:20	<p>Denise Penello Rial, Economics Affairs Officer, UNCTAD</p> <p><u>Presentation: "Addressing Market Access Barriers in Selected Supply Chains in CEFTA: Analysis and elaboration of policy recommendations"</u></p>
15:20-15:30	<p>Mr. Rajesh AGGARWAL, Chief Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, ITC</p> <p><u>Presentation: "Think Regional: A private sector mandate"</u></p>
15:30-15:45	COFFEE BREAK
15:45-15:55	<p>Ms. Marijana Agic-Molnar, Adriatic Region Director (GfK)</p> <p><u>Presentation: "BALKAN BAROMETER 2015: Public Opinion Survey and Business Opinion Survey"</u></p>
15:55-16:30	<p>Discussions for Session II</p> <p><u>Topics for Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Liberalization of trade in services ➤ Trade Facilitation ➤ Facilitating Access to Markets ➤ Integration to Pan-Euro-Med Cumulation Zone
16:30-17:00	Conclusions and Recommendations