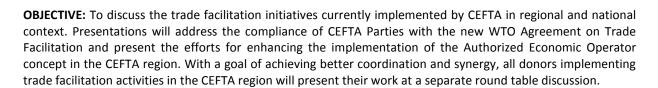


AGENDA

SESSION III Global and Regional Aspects of Trade Facilitation in CEFTA 20 November 2014 (Thursday), 9:30 – 15:00



Moderator: Dimce Adzioski, Head of Unit for Border and Transit Formalities, Customs Administration of the

Republic of Macedonia

Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation in the CEFTA region

9:30 – 9:50 Multilateral Rules and Minimum Standards for Trade Facilitation Equally Relevant for Both

WTO and Non-WTO CEFTA Parties

Sheri Rosenow, Councellor, World Trade Organization

9:50 – 10:10 Compliance of CEFTA Parties with the Agreement: Presentation of the Regional Findings of

the WTO TF self-Assessments Carried Out in CEFTA Parties by USAID, Conclusions of that

Regional Analysis and Recommendations on Path Towards Compliance

Paul Fekete, Senior International Trade Advisor, USAID Washington

Violane Konar-Leacy, Manager, IFC Western Balkans Trade Logistics Project, World Bank Group Dimce Adzioski, Head of Unit for Border and Transit Formalities, Customs Administration of RM Ministries of economy from CEFTA Parties

Customs administrations from CEFTA Parties

Topics for Discussion

- Implementation of outstanding issues in CEFTA Parties: Status and progress
- Possibilities for cooperation between the countries in the region in tackling compliance with the WTO TF Agreement.
- Ongoing regional activities that contribute to WTO compliance.

10:50 – 11:00 Conclusions and Recommendations

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break



Regional Coordination of Trade Facilitation Efforts

11:15 - 12:45 Round Table Discussion

Moderated by Umut Ergezer, CEFTA Secretariat

Topics for Discussion

- Coordinating Trade Facilitation Through CEFTA: Presenting the CEFTA Trade Facilitation Concept
- Donor Support to Trade Facilitation in CEFTA: Cooperation, Coordination and Synergy

<u>Participants</u>

- Alberto Costa, EU Commission
- David Cowles, Senior Private Enterprise Advisor, USAID Washington
- Violane Konar-Leacy, Regional Manager, Trade Logistics Project, IFC/World Bank
- Susanne Hartmann, Sector Fund Manager, Open Regional Fund for SEE Foreign Trade Promotion, GIZ
- Katarina Djermanovic, Policy Analyst, OECD
- Bismark Sitorus, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief of Department for Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch

Facilitation of Trade in CEFTA Through Implementation of the Authorised Economic Operators Programmes – AEO

13:45 – 14:00 Contributing to the Development of CEFTA AEO Strategy: Goals, Scope, Adoption, Implementation

Michael Praschak, Austrian Customs Authority

14:00 – 14:25 Implementation of the AEO Concept in the Republic of Macedonia: Public and Private Sector Perspective

Biljana Gadzovska, Head of the Excise Department, Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia

Ilija Mukaetov, Supply Chain Manager, Visteon Electronics Macedonia

14:25 – 14:40 Open Floor Discussion

CEFTA Parties

14:40 – 14:45 Conclusions and Recommendations

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break