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AS PART OF THE

MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALMATY PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

CONFERENCE ROOM 9, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK
MONDAY 2 JUNE 2008, 9.30 AM – 1.30 PM

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 9:30 – 9:35 **Welcome address** by UN Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra
- 9:35 – 9:45 **Introduction** – Mr. Marc Juhel, Sector Manager, Transport, The World Bank (via VC link)
- 9:45 – 10:05 **The economics of being landlocked** – Mr. Christopher Willoughby, former Director Transport Department, The World Bank
- Understanding performance and costs for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) using the recently published dataset on logistics performance (LPI). Research shows that unreliability of delivery times and the many forms of rent-seeking from international trade are the main contributors to the high costs landlocked countries have to bear.
- 10:05 – 10:40 **Transit country gains from good service to landlocked neighbors**
- Findings from recent comparative research – Mr. Graham Smith, Transport and Logistics Advisor, International Trade Department, The World Bank
- Comments – Mr. Jose Rubiato, Chief, Transport Section, Trade and Logistics Branch, UNCTAD (via VC link)
- Open floor for questions and comments
- 10:40 – 11:20 **Public monitoring systems for trade corridor performance: the case for harmonization**
- System and pilot-tested indicators and proposed solutions – Mr. Robin Carruthers, Transport and Logistics Advisor, International Trade Department, The World Bank

	<p>Comment and experience in Southeast Europe – Ms. Eva Molnar, Director, Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (via VC link)</p> <p>Open floor for questions and comments</p>
11:20 – 11:40	Break
11:40 – 12:20	<p>Transit regimes: TIR and other guarantee systems. A case for global standards?</p> <p>Conclusions of the global review and pilot technical assistance in Central Africa – Mr. Jean-François Arvis, Senior Transport Economist, International Trade Department, The World Bank</p> <p>Comment and illustrations – Mr. Gérard Luyet, Swiss Customs</p> <p>Open floor for questions and comments</p>
12:20 – 12:50	<p>Alternative solutions: the role of international air freight services for Landlocked Developing Countries</p> <p>Lessons from the last two decades – Mr. Henry Bofinger, Air Transport Consultant, International Trade Department, The World Bank</p> <p>Open floor for questions and comments</p>
12:50 – 13:30	<p>Conclusions from the day's discussions and identification of points that might warrant further attention in preparation of the mid-term review of the Almaty Programme of Action – Ms. Mona Haddad, Sector Manager, International Trade Department, The World Bank</p> <p>Closing remarks by UN Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra</p>

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