



**UNCTAD / UNECE Workshop**

**Strengthening National and Regional  
Trade Facilitation Organizations**

**AGENDA**

**Room V**

**Palais des Nations, Geneva  
31 October - 1 November 2006**

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## **DAY 1 - NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRADE FACILITATION BODIES: EXPERIENCES**

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00-10:30 **Session 1: Welcoming and Opening Address**

Welcome address by Mr. Faust (UNCTAD)

Welcome address by Ms. Cram-Martos (UNECE)

**Session 2: National Trade Facilitation Bodies - Countries' experiences**

Chair: Ms. Albarello (SWEPRO)

- 10:30 – 11:00
- Introduction to UN/CEFACT Recommendation #4, Mr. Butterly (UNECE)
  - Introduction on policy coordination and consultation, Mr. Orthlieb (UNCTAD)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

**National Experiences**

- 11:15 – 13:00
- Ms. Albarello (Sweden, SWEPRO)
  - Mr. Mansoor (Pakistan, NTFFC)
  - Mr. McKinnon (United Kingdom, SITPRO)
  - Mr. Ojah (Nepal, NTTFC)
  - Ms. Frutos (Paraguay Negotiation Coordination Mechanism)
- Discussion

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 16:00 **Session 2: contd.**

- Mr. Wilmott (France, ODASCE)
  - Ms. Kastrati (AlbaniaPro)
  - Mr. Ndoeye (Senegal, JITAP IIC)
- Discussion

16:00- 17:00 **Session 3: Regional Initiatives**

Chair: Mr. Orthlieb (UNCTAD)

- Mr. McKinnon (EuroPro)
- Mr. Subotic (SECIPRO)
- Mr. Antas (Pacific Islands Forum)

Discussion

17:00-18:00 **Session 4: Interactive discussions**

Facilitator: Ms. Jaimurzina (UNECE)

- Group A: Funding and sustainability
- Group B: National TF priorities
- Group C: Consultations between Government and Trade and building political support

18:00 –19:00 Reception, Delegates' Restaurant, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

## **DAY 2 - FACILITATING TRADE IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT**

- 10:00 - 11:00     **Report on the interactive discussions**  
Moderator: Mr. Kubler (UNECE).  
▪ Group A: Funding and sustainability  
▪ Group B: National TF priorities  
▪ Group C: Consultations between Government and Trade and building political support  
Discussion
- 11:00 - 11:30     **Session 5: Tools and Standards**  
Chair: Mr. Doran (UN/CEFACT)  
▪ Mr. Cragge (UN/CEFACT International Trade Procedures Working Group)  
▪ Mr. Orthlieb (UNCTAD)
- 11:30 - 11:45     Coffee Break
- 11:45 – 13:00     **Session 5: contd.**  
▪ Mr. McLinden (WB)  
▪ Mr. Toni Matsudaira (WCO)  
Discussion
- 13:00 - 15:00     Lunch break
- 15:00 - 17:00     **Session 6: Round Table Discussion.**  
**Key elements of successful Trade Facilitation Bodies**  
Moderators: Mr. Orthlieb (UNCTAD), Mr. Butterly (UNECE)  
Panelists: Mr. McKinnon (EuroPro), Mr. Dembrel (Mongolia), Mr. de Silva (Sri Lanka), Ms. Igwe (Nigeria).
- 17:00 - 17:30     **Conclusion of the workshop**