



## Draft Agenda

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DONOR CONFERENCE OF WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGION OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

*« Facilitating Trade and Securing the Logistics Chain - A priority for WCA Customs and development partners ».*

May 29 – June 02, 2017

Lomé, Togo



1<sup>st</sup> part

**WCO Mercator Program:**

**Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)**

**29 May - 31 May 2017 Place : RADISSLON BLU HOTEL**

**Monday 29 May 2017**

Time	Activities	Facilitators
<b>08:30– 09 :00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>I 09:00 – 09:45</b>	<b>Opening of the workshop on TFA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming address of the General Commissioner of OTR</li> <li>• Speech of WCO representative</li> <li>• Speech of the Sponsor: FCD China</li> <li>• Break (5 mn)</li> <li>• Speech of WCA Region Vice-chair</li> <li>• Speech of the representative of WCO General Secretariat</li> <li>• Opening address of the Minister of Economy and Finance</li> </ul>	Togo WCO China Office of Vice-Chair WCO Togo
<b>09:45– 10:15</b>	Group photo Coffee Break	
<b>II 10:15 – 10.30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution of the workshop's Bureau of session and of the Team of Rapporteurs</li> <li>• Consideration and adoption of the draft agenda of the workshop</li> </ul>	Office of Vice-Chair
<b>III 10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Inaugural Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade facilitation measures in Togo</li> </ul> <b>Overview and update on TFA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the protocol, notifications and facilities of TFA, mainly regarding the situation at regional level</li> </ul>	OTR WCO
<b>IV 11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>The role of WCO in the implementation of TFA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on activities carried out by WCO in the framework of the Mercator Program</li> <li>• Presentation of new tools and instruments developed, including the Mercator Program, to assist Members in implementing TFA</li> </ul>	WCO
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>V 14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Measures taken by the Ministries of Trade, Customs and the Private Sector as part of preparations for the implementation of TFA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing of experience of Ministries of Trade in preparing the process for the adoption of TFA, since the last regional awareness-raising workshop</li> <li>- Sharing of experience between Customs and the Private sector in preparations for implementation of the TFA</li> <li>- Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	Ministry of Trade of TOGO  Customs administrations Private sector
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	Pause- café	

<b>VI</b> <b>16:30 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>The Role of other International and Regional Organizations in the Implementation of TFA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentations and discussions on activities carried out by international and regional organizations in TFA matters</li> <li>- Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	WCO International Chamber of Commerce Regional Organizations
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**Tuesday 30 May 2017**

**WCO Tools to assist Members in the implementation of TFA**

Time	Activity	
<b>VII</b> <b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<p><b>National Committees of Trade Facilitation (NCTF) :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of 23.2 of TFA on the set up and maintenance of NCTF</li> <li>• Outcome of WCO questionnaire</li> </ul>	WCO
<b>VIII</b> <b>09:30 – 10:30</b>	<p><b>Experience of Members in setting up and maintaining NCTF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of experience in setting up NCTF</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	Selected Speakers of the Region
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Coffee Break	
<b>IX</b> <b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Article 3 – Anticipated decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions on national exercises and approaches to overcome challenges in legislation, scopes, etc.</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	Selected Speakers of the Region
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>X</b> <b>14:00 – 15:15</b>	<p><b>Coordinated border management (CBM):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions on approaches and experiences in border management with other Agencies</li> <li>• Single window</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	OTR
<b>XI</b> <b>15:15 – 16:00</b>	<p><b>Article 10.6 - Use of customs brokers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCO Study on Customs Brokers: Members' Experiences and Challenges</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	WCO
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	Coffee Break	
<b>XII</b> <b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<p><b>Customs Partnership – Companies including the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience and outlook of relations of AEO with Customs in the framework of a partnership</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	REC and Selected Speakers of the Region  OTR

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**Wednesday 31 May 2017**

Time	Activity	
XIII 09:00 – 10:30	<b>Article 7.6 - Establishment and publication of average time required for release:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCO study on the time required for the release</li> <li>• National Exercises</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	Selected Speakers of the Region
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
XIV 11:00 – 12:30	<b>Capacity building for the implementation of TFA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on WCO activities, including joint initiatives with other international organizations</li> <li>• Regional Strategic Plan, Customs Modernization Initiatives and Programs</li> <li>• Sharing of experience in capacity building for the implementation of TFA</li> <li>• National initiatives and modernisation projects</li> <li>• Questions/Answers</li> </ul>	WCO Selected Speakers of the Region
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
XV 14:00– 15:30	<b>Next stages for the Region:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of conclusions of discussions</li> </ul>	WCO
XVI 15:30 – 16:00	<b>Closing of the workshop:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address of WCO representative</li> <li>• Address of WCO representative</li> <li>• Address of the Vice-chair of WCA Region</li> <li>• Closing speech of the host country</li> </ul>	WCO WCO Vice-chair Togo
19:00	<b>End of Cocktail TFA workshop and of welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Donors' Conference</b>	

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> part

#### Donors' Conference

• 31 May – 02 June 2017 Place: RADISSLON BLU HOTEL

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

Time	Activities	Facilitator
<b>I 09:00 – 09:45</b>	<b>Opening of Donors' Conference:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming address of the General Commissioner of OTR</li> <li>• Speech of WCO Secretary General</li> <li>• Break</li> <li>• Speech of WCO-WCA Region Vice-chair</li> <li>• Opening Remarks of the Minister of Economy and Finance</li> </ul>	Togo WCO Vice-Chair Togo
<b>09:45 – 10:30</b>	Group photo Coffee Break Establishment of the conference arrangements and of rapporteurs	
<b>II 10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Concept, goals and participants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration and adoption of the draft agenda of the conference</li> <li>• Reminder of decisions, recommendations and outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> donors' conference</li> <li>• Objectives and results expected of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Donors' Conference</li> </ul>	Office of the Vice-Chair
<b>III 11:00 – 12.30</b>	<b>Presentation of the donors presents and their programs :</b>	Respective donors
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>IV 14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Continued : Presentation of organizations and programs of the donors present :</b>	Respective donors
<b>V 14:30 – 15:15</b>	<b>Presentation of argumentations concerning identified regional projects during the 1<sup>st</sup> donors' conference:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECOWAS Transit Management Systems Interconnection Project (countries that have already joined the project: Burkina-Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Togo)</li> </ul>	Côte d'Ivoire/ ECOWAS
<b>VI 15:15 – 15.45</b>	<b>Continued - Presentation of argumentations on regional projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of the MADA Project to the Central Africa sub-region</li> <li>• Accreditation and professionalization of experts from African Customs</li> <li>• Development of Leadership and Management</li> </ul>	WCO
<b>15:45 – 16:15</b>	Coffee Break	

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<b>VII</b> <b>16:15 – 17:00</b>	<b>Continued - Presentation of argumentations on regional projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing intelligence through increased use of CEN and nCEN</li> <li>• Project for the continuation and extension of the sharing of river-maritime intelligence</li> <li>• Regional programme of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO)</li> </ul>	Cameroon RILO WCA RILO WCA Côte d'Ivoire Ghana
<b>VIII</b> <b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	

### Friday 02 June 2017

Time	Activity	
<b>IX</b> <b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Continued - Presentation of argumentations on regional projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional training workshop of trainers and managers of human resources</li> <li>• Program of monitoring-evaluation of the implementation of the regional strategic plan of West and Central Africa</li> <li>• Regional program of mutual administrative collaboration/regional coaching program</li> </ul>	ROCB-WCA
<b>X</b> <b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>New regional project:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project on regional security – SPC++</li> </ul>	Nigeria
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>XI</b> <b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Presentation of argumentations on national projects:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Police dog center with a regional focus</li> <li>B. National Customs Academy</li> <li>C. Institutional capacity building</li> <li>D. Communication strategy/Uniform</li> <li>E. Project of Trade facilitation and border enhancement through better risk management</li> </ol>	Senegal Benin Gambia Cape Verde Guinea-Bissau
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>XII</b> <b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Discussions among donors and project teams</b>	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>XIII</b> <b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Conclusion of the conference and next steps</b>	

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<b>XIV</b> <b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Closing of the Conference:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vote of thanks of participants</li><li>• Speech of the Vice-chair of WCO-WCA Region</li><li>• Speech of WCO Secretary General</li><li>• Closing remarks of the host country</li></ul>	Participants Office of the Vice-chair WCO Secretariat Togo
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