



## Regional Workshop on Promoting Connectivity through Trade Facilitation and Aid for Trade

*March 27-28, 2017*

*Sheraton Grand Incheon Hotel, Incheon, Korea*

### Meeting objective:

This workshop, jointly hosted by ADB, KCS, WTO, and KHU<sup>1</sup>, is designed to examine the progress and impacts of trade facilitation and aid for trade on promoting connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, and prepare regional input for the Sixth Global Review of Aid for Trade, “Promoting Connectivity” to be held at WTO in Geneva on 11-13 July 2017. As for the aid for trade, a special attention will be paid to its contribution to improving FDI and service trade. Each session is also designed to cover a wide range of trade facilitation-related issues including the status of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation and support; engagement in, and support to, the development of e-commerce and digital trade, and the progress of trade facilitation projects in Asia and the Pacific. A particular emphasis will be placed upon the least-developed countries and geographically remote economies, as they continue to experience prohibitively high trade costs.

### Program:

Day 1 – Monday, 27 March 2017   Lotus 5	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:10	Opening remarks ( <b>Jong-yeul Kim</b> , Vice Commissioner of KCS)
9:10-9:30	Welcome remarks ( <b>Jae-Sung Kwak</b> , Kyung Hee Univ.; <b>Cyn-Young Park</b> , ADB; <b>Michael Roberts</b> , WTO)
9:30-9:45	Photo Session
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>The Global Review of Aid for Trade - FDI and trade in services, AfT Monitoring and Evaluation Exercises; and Customs infrastructure (Part I &amp; II)</b>
	This session will present preliminary findings of the Asian Development Bank 2017 Aid for Trade draft report on how aid for trade can promote connectivity through FDI and trade in services, WTO’s Aid for Trade Monitoring and Evaluation Exercise, and case stories led by KCS on establishment of customs clearance infrastructure as part of Official Development Assistance (ODA) projects.
	Chair: <b>Cyn-Young Park</b> , ADB
	<b>[PART I]</b>
9:45-9:55	Introduction to the 2017 Aid for Trade report of ADB <b>Fahad Khan</b> , ADB
9:55-10:25	Effects of AfT on trade and FDI <b>Hyun Hoon Lee</b> , Kangwon National University
10:25-10:50	Aid-for-Trade in services sectors and services trade <b>Anirudh Shingal</b> , European University Institute (via VC)
10:50-11:15	Open discussion
11:15-11:30	Coffee break
	<b>[PART II]</b>

<sup>1</sup> Acronyms for participating organizations - ADB: Asian Development Bank; KCS: Korea Customs Service; WTO: World Trade Organization; KHU: Kyung Hee University; WCO: World Customs Organization; UNESCAP: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

11:30-11:50	Overview of 2017 Aft monitoring and evaluation exercise <b>Michael Roberts, WTO</b>
11:50-12:10	Case stories on establishment of customs clearance infrastructures as part of ODA projects <b>Seung Hyun Cha, Customs UNI-PASS International Agency</b>
12:10-12:30	Open discussion
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch at Lotus 1</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Promoting Connectivity I - Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)</b>
	Overview of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement will be examined including background to the implementation, and structure and expected effects of the WTO TFA. Developments and future tasks regarding the TFA will also be discussed.  Co-Chairs: <b>Jae-Sung Kwak, Kyung Hee University &amp; Michael Roberts, WTO</b>
13:30-14:10	Overview of WTO TFA – background to the implementation, and structure and expected effects <b>Sheri Rosenow, WTO &amp; Theodorus Hendrikus Johannes, WCO</b>
14:10-14:30	Developments and future tasks regarding the TFA <b>Shujie Zhang, China Customs</b>
14:30-15:00	Open discussion
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Promoting Connectivity II – Customs</b>
	The session will cover establishment cases of the Single Window for simplification of customs procedures; operational cases of risk management and post clearance audit to support trade facilitation; Time Release Study (TRS) and utilization cases for the efficiency in clearance procedures, and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) regional Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program initiative.  Chair: <b>Chul Hun Lee, WCO Accredited Customs Expert</b>
15:30-15:45	Establishment cases of the Single Window for simplification of customs procedures <b>Kye Yeong Kim, KCS Accredited Customs Expert</b>
15:45-16:00	Operational cases of risk management and post clearance audit to support trade facilitation <b>Seoung Hoon Eom, WCO Accredited Customs Expert</b>
16:00-16:15	Time Release Study (TRS) and utilization cases for the efficiency in clearance procedures <b>Chang Yeop Lee, WCO Accredited Customs Expert</b>
16:15-16:30	APEC regional AEO Program initiative <b>Sook Hyeon Jo (Serena Jo), KCS Accredited Customs Expert</b>
16:30-17:00	Open discussion
<b>Day 2 - Tuesday, 28 March 2017   Lotus 5</b>	
9:00-9:30	Registration
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Promoting Connectivity III - E-commerce and Digital Trade</b>
	This session will focus on how technology and the digitization of global value chains influences trade and impacting on trade in services. Challenges and opportunities posed by digital trade, preliminary findings from the monitoring and evaluation exercise with a focus on e-commerce will also be discussed.  Chair: <b>Sheri Rosenow, WTO</b>
9:30-9:50	E-commerce and the WTO <b>Michael Roberts, WTO</b>

9:50-10:10	E-commerce in the view of the WCO working groups <b>Yong Hwan Choi, KCS</b>
10:10-10:30	Open discussion
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific (Part I &amp; II)</b>
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This session will mainly focus on the progress of trade facilitation in Asia and the Pacific, in particular, by ADB's subregional programs including the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC), and Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC). UNESCAP will enrich the session by presenting preliminary results of the 2017 Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation. This session will also serve as springboard for the formation of a research agenda for ADB's technical assistance, TA 9258-REG: Support for Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific.

Chair: **Cyn-Young Park, ADB**

**[PART I]**

11:00-11:10	Introduction to ADB's Trade Facilitation TA <b>Kijin Kim, ADB</b>
11:10-11:25	Trade Facilitation in East Asia <b>Yuebin Zhang, ADB</b>
11:25-11:40	Trade Facilitation in South Asia <b>Rosalind McKenzie, ADB</b>
11:40-12:00	Open discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch at <i>Lotus 1</i>

**[PART II]**

13:00-13:15	Trade Facilitation in Central Asia <b>Guoliang Wu, ADB</b>
13:15-13:30	Trade Facilitation in the Pacific <b>David Freedman, ADB</b>
13:30-14:00	Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation in Asia and the Pacific: State of Play & Way Forward, <b>Tengfei Wang, UNESCAP</b>
14:00-14:30	Open discussion
14:30-15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

<b>Session 6</b>	<b>AfT at a glance and take away for the WTO 11<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference</b>
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This session will summarize key points raised through the course of the workshop and how these points could be placed in the context of the broader Aid-for-Trade work programme and the 11<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference; and on future cooperation and priorities for the region on Aid for Trade and the way forward towards 2017 Global Review of Aid for Trade.

Chair: **Sheri Rosenow, WTO**

15:00-16:00	Roundtable discussion – Promoting connectivity, what next for aid for trade? Discussants: <b>Michael Roberts, WTO; Cyn-Young Park, ADB; Meeja Hamm, Kyung Hee University</b>
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