



## FIFTH GLOBAL REVIEW OF AID FOR TRADE, SIDE EVENT 13

### "IMPLEMENTING TRADE FACILITATION AND PAPERLESS TRADE FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: EVIDENCE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSIONS"

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WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2015, 12:00 – 13:30, WTO, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

#### Objectives

How can trade facilitation best support sustainable growth in developing countries? Taking into account the results of the first Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation, representatives from the five UN Regional Commissions (UNRCs) will present their approaches, success stories, challenges and lessons learned.

The presentations will illustrate the development impact of trade facilitation interventions by the UNRCs in areas such as streamlining border clearance procedures; creating synergies between trade facilitation and quality control and quality assurance functions; reducing transaction costs; implementing international standards for paperless trade and other innovative trade facilitation approaches.

#### Programme

- Moderator: **Christian Friis Bach** - Executive Secretary, *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*
- The Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation: Background and overview  
**Yann Duval**, Chief of Trade Facilitation Unit, *United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)*

Q&A

- Trade Facilitation Implementation in Africa  
**David Luke**, Coordinator African Trade Policy Centre, *United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)*
- Results of the Global Survey in Latin America and the Caribbean and implementation of trade facilitation and paperless trade for sustainable growth  
**Sebastián Herreros**, Economic Affairs Officer, *United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)*
- Towards "Next Generation" Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Growth in Asia and the Pacific  
**Yann Duval**, Chief of Trade Facilitation Unit, *United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)*
- Results of the Trade Facilitation and paperless trade survey for the ESCWA region  
**Adel Al-Ghaberi**, First Economic Affairs Officer, *United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)*
- Global Recommendations and Standards for Trade Facilitation  
**Tom Butterly**, Deputy Director Trade Division, *Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*

Q&A

**The Organizers:**

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