



## FIATA E-Flash No. 115 - 11 December 2015

### 1. *FIATA Headquarters Session 2016 Registration is open*

The FIATA HQ Session will take place from Thursday March 17th to Sunday March 20th, 2016 in Zurich Switzerland. Online registration is now open on the FIATA Website. Please follow these links to learn more about this remarkable event:

#### **FIATA HQ Session 2016 Programme:**

[http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/Meetings/HQ\\_Session\\_2016\\_Programme.pdf](http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Meetings/HQ_Session_2016_Programme.pdf)

#### **Registration Form:**

[http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/Meetings/Registration\\_Form\\_HQ\\_Session\\_2016.pdf](http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Meetings/Registration_Form_HQ_Session_2016.pdf)

### 2. *2016 RAME Field Meeting Dates May 19-22, 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

This years' 2016 RAME Field Meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, will be held from May 19-22nd. We welcome all interested delegates to join us and take part in the regional discussions to push our industry forward.

More information on the details of the program and registration will be communicated in the New Year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat at [eid@fiata.com](mailto:eid@fiata.com). I am looking forward to welcoming all of you at the regional meeting.

### 3. *2016 ALACAT Conference to take place in Barcelona, Spain, June 7-9th*

In 2016, the XXXIII ALACAT Congress will take place in Barcelona (Spain) from 7th to 9th June in the framework of the International Logistics and Material Handling Exhibition (SIL2016).

The event will focus on topics such as the vision of the International Organizations on trade facilitation, Latin America, Europe and the World: building bridges for competitiveness, challenges for shipping companies and many more.

To read more please visit: <http://www.alacat2016.com/en/alacat.php>

### 4. **Amendment to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)**

The introduction of mandatory rules for the verification of container weights becomes effective from the 1st July 2016. In order to assist FIATA Associations Members and the industry the FIATA

Multimodal Transport Institute has prepared the enclosed guide to the amendments to SOLAS and how this could affect the logistics sector.

FIATA decided to make this important tool kit public so that all interested parties can familiarise themselves with this subject. This document is designed to serve the industry in providing transparency in their discussions and negotiations with their own National stakeholders. Our aim is to assist all parties to fully understand the forthcoming changes and particularly the implications where the Forwarder is acting as a Carrier.

To read more please visit:

[http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/recent\\_views/MTI/Guideline\\_SOLAS.pdf](http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/recent_views/MTI/Guideline_SOLAS.pdf)

## **5. Reminder - 2015/2016 Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Survey**

The World Bank wants to hear from FIATA's members as part of the on-going LPI 2015/6 survey. FIATA is the World Bank's most important partner in the LPI survey and it is thanks to the participation of FIATA's members that the LPI can be published every two years.

If you are working at a freight forwarding company dealing with international shipments, we cordially invite you to take the survey at <http://pisurvey2016.worldbank.org/?comp=FEF>. Completing the survey should only take around 20 minutes. The survey does not seek any confidential company-specific information. Responses are anonymous.

## **6. OECD Study - Adapting Transport Policy to Climate Change**

Transport accounts for nearly a quarter of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions. The price attached to these emissions is critical to climate policies and emissions mitigation efforts in the sector.

OECD has conducted a study to analyse Carbon Valuation, Risk and Uncertainty. The report can be accessed here: [http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/transport/adapting-transport-policy-to-climate-change\\_9789282107928-en#page11](http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/transport/adapting-transport-policy-to-climate-change_9789282107928-en#page11)

## **7. Joint Statement by the Multilateral Development Banks at Paris, COP21**

During the LPAA Transport Focus event, the world's eight multilateral development banks (MDBs) [renewed their commitment](#) to mitigate GHG emissions from transport and increase the resilience of transport to climate change. This followed on from the [MDB Rio+20 Conference pledge](#) to provide USD 175 billion for sustainable transport by 2022, having already provided USD 65 billion in the last three years.

In a joint statement released on December 3rd, the banks pledged to speed up action in the areas of climate finance, low-carbon transport solutions, and adaptation and resilience. The MDBs will increase their focus on low-carbon transport solutions and will continue to harmonize tools and metrics to assess transport-related GHG emissions.

## **8. Statement for COP21 jointly prepared by the secretariats of the OECD, the International Energy Agency, the International Transport Forum and the Nuclear Energy Agency**

Success at COP21 can drive and accelerate the transition to a cleaner, healthier and more secure future, locking-in sustainable economic growth and development. A low-carbon, climate resilient world by the end of this century is no longer a hope - it is a necessity.

As our organisations have jointly argued in *Aligning policies for a low carbon economy*, governments will also need to diagnose and address the policy misalignments across the economy that impede and make this transition more costly.

To read full statement please visit: <http://smarthighways.net/oecd-iea-itf-and-nea-issue-statement-on-cop21/>

## **9. Côte d'Ivoire, Grenada, Saint Lucia ratify Trade Facilitation Agreement**

The three ratifications bring up to 56 the number of WTO members that have accepted the TFA, or more than half the number needed to secure its entry into force. Ratification by two-thirds of the WTO membership is required for the TFA to take effect.

Côte d'Ivoire is the fifth African country to accept the TFA, along with Mauritius, Botswana, Niger, and Togo. Grenada and Saint Lucia are the second and third Caribbean island nations to ratify the TFA, after Trinidad and Tobago.

To read more please visit: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news15\\_e/fac\\_09dec15\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news15_e/fac_09dec15_e.htm)

## **10. ICAO and African Union Progress Cooperative Efforts**

The Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Dr Fang Liu, announced the signing of a new agreement with the African Union (AU) to foster ongoing cooperation between the two organizations.

The new ICAO/AU agreement formalizes the outcomes of an earlier meeting between Secretary General Liu and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, held at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 19 August 2015.

To read more please visit: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-and-African-Union-Progress-Cooperative-Efforts.aspx>

## **11. The EU and Vietnam finalise landmark trade deal**

The European Union and Vietnam finalised talks for a free trade agreement (FTA), marking the end of the negotiating process. After the agreement in principle reached in August, today's announcement follows the successful resolution of the few remaining issues on the table.

The FTA between the EU and Vietnam will further strengthen relations between our two economies and societies. It builds on the EU-Vietnam Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA), currently undergoing ratification

To read more please visit: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1409>

## 12. Corporate taxation - base erosion and profit shifting

The EU Council adopted [conclusions](#) on implementation in the EU of OECD recommendations on tax base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS), as part of moves to clamp down on tax avoidance by multinational companies.

This follows endorsement of the OECD recommendations by G20 leaders at Antalya on 15-16 November 2015.

To read more please visit:

[http://dsms.consilium.europa.eu/952/Actions/Newsletter.aspx?messageid=2533&customerid=32997&password=enc\\_313133783131583735363831\\_enc](http://dsms.consilium.europa.eu/952/Actions/Newsletter.aspx?messageid=2533&customerid=32997&password=enc_313133783131583735363831_enc)

## 13. UNCTAD's Handbook of Statistics 2015

UNCTAD's Handbook of Statistics 2015 reveals that global trade in services grew by 5 per cent as merchandise trade stagnates and foreign direct investment falls. Along with detailed statistical tables on international merchandise and services trade, commodity prices and foreign direct investment, the 2015 handbook also provides maritime transport data, other economic and social data, and a range of trade related indicators for all individual economies for which data are available.

To read more please visit: <http://us6.campaign->

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## 14. CLECAT welcomes ambitious and timely EU Aviation Package

The European Commission's Aviation Package, published on 7 December 2015, seeks to adjust to competition from the Middle East and Asia. The shift in the global market's centre of gravity to the East, and increasingly to the South East, over the past decades, has affected Europe's position in the global supply chain, and as a global aviation hub.

CLECAT is looking forward to the new Commission strategy being put into practice, through negotiations with partners such as the Gulf countries and the Association of South East Asian Nations which would extend the EU open aviation market in return for commitment to fair and transparent competition.

To read CLECAT's Position Paper Please visit:

<http://www.clecat.org/images/PP002OMAAi120119AirportPackage.pdf>