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1. Register to the FIATA Headquarters' Session 2016 before deadline

The next Headquarters' Session will take place between March 17th and March 20th 2016. This yearly HQ session is a special occasion for information exchange and debate between FIATA and all our members. Please take a look at the programme and use the registration form available on the FIATA website:

<http://fiata.com/events/fiata-congresses-hq-sessions.html>

This year we will host our event at a new venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Zurich, Switzerland. You can book your hotel room using the hotel registration form in order to benefit from the FIATA special conditions until February 16th!

2. International Transport Forum Registration Opens

Industry partners will join transport ministers from ITF's 57 member countries from 18-20 May in Leipzig, Germany for the 2016 Summit on "Green and Inclusive Transport", together with around 100 other high-level speakers.

FIATA, CLECAT and other important Supply Chain stakeholders are currently working on a side event with more details to follow closer to the ITF summit dates. For more details please visit the ITF's website at <http://2016.itf-oecd.org/>.

3. Dangerous Goods in the spotlight: ICAO FIATA DG Training

As the new year kick offs, ICAO and FIATA welcomes newly accredited training centres which will start delivering the ICAO FIATA DG Training Program in 2016. Among them is Skyline University College based in Sharjah, UAE which is a reputable training centre aimed at enhancing industry competencies in the field of air dangerous goods.

We also have a number of FIATA Association Members which have gained accreditation and are delivering DG training under the ICAO FIATA program. For further details and information please visit: <http://fiata.com/icao-fiata-dg.html>

4. ICC and UNCTAD pledge to work together on 2030 development agenda

UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi and ICC Secretary General John Danilovich issued a joint statement when they met at the annual meeting of the [World Economic Forum](#), taking place in Davos, Switzerland, 20-23 January, 2016.

Building on the success of the widely adopted UNCTAD/ICC Rules for Multimodal Transport Documents, Dr. Kituyi and Mr. Danilovich said that their organizations shared a mutual interest and expertise in developing standards for use in international trade. It must be noted that the UNCTAD-ICC rules are the foundation base of the FIATA Bill of Lading, the only standard negotiable multimodal transport bill in the world. To read more please visit: <http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2016/ICC-and-UNCTAD-pledge-to-work-together-on-2030-development-agenda/>

5. UNECE and UNITAR partner to implement Sustainable Development Goals

To help Member States implement the SDGs, two Geneva-based UN organizations, UNECE and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are strengthening their cooperation to better promote best practices and standards in a range of areas.

Joint initiatives are expected in people-centred Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), Road Safety and the Environment. To read more please visit: <http://www.unece.org/info/media/presscurrent-press-h/general-unece/2016/unece-and-unitar-partner-to-implement-the-sustainable-development-goals/doc.html>

6. World Bank Group and UNCTAD launch World Development Report 2016

The World Bank Group and UNCTAD co-hosted the launch of the World Development Report 2016: Digital Dividends on Feb 1st 2016. The report examines how the Internet can be a force for development, especially for the poor in developing countries.

The report partly draws on research undertaken by UNCTAD in the area of the [development implications of ICT](#). To read the report and more please visit: <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1022>

7. Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal signed in Auckland

The Trans Pacific Partnership, one of the biggest multinational trade deals ever, has been signed by ministers from its 12 member nations in New Zealand. The 12 nations account for some 40% of the world's economy - they now have two years to ratify or reject the pact.

Business, farming and mining groups applauded the signing of the deal, which will remove 98 per cent of tariffs on exports to TPP countries. To read more about the newly signed deal please visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35480600>

8. WTO releases new statistical profiles on global value chains

The WTO has released new statistical profiles on global value chains (GVCs) for 61 economies. These profiles, available on the WTO website, bring together a set of indicators on trade taking place within GVCs.

Using data from the OECD-WTO database on Trade in Value Added (TiVA), these profiles provide insights into the value-added content of exports, the interconnection between economies within GVCs and the role of the services industry in exports. To read more please visit: https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news16_e/stat_28jan16_e.htm

9. Trade policy promotes sustainability and human rights

The European Commission and the EU High Representative published today the first [report](#) on the concrete effects of the [GSP+](#), the EU trade policy instrument devised to encourage third countries to comply with core international standards in the areas of human rights, labour rights, environmental protection and good governance.

To read more please visit: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1443>

10. Georgia and Turkey create digital link with eTIR

Georgia and Turkey have taken a significant step this week in strengthening the digital link between them by agreeing to electronically exchange Customs data so that transport across the Georgian-Turkish borders is faster and cheaper.

The eTIR pilot project will improve the benefits brought by the TIR Procedure by ensuring the advanced electronic exchange of data related to TIR transports crossing the Georgian-Turkish borders. To read more please visit: <http://www.unece.org/info/media/news/transport/2016/georgia-and-turkey-create-digital-link-with-etir/doc.html>

11. Intelligent Transport: guidance on how the EU can make the most of connected cars

Following an invitation of the Commission, industry representatives and public authorities have agreed on a shared vision for the coordinated deployment of Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) in Europe. This is an important step towards connected cars as C-ITS enable vehicles to communicate with each other and with the infrastructure.

This can notably improve road safety and reduce congestion. The report will also ensure that through C-ITS road transport can reap all the benefits from digitisation and contribute to President Juncker's ambition of creating a [Digital Single Market](#). To read more please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/newsletters/2016/01-25/articles/c-its_report_en.htm

12. European aviation: first environmental report points at sustainability challenge

The European Commission has published the first European Aviation Environmental Report, the result of close collaboration between the EC, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the European Environment Agency (EEA) and EUROCONTROL.

The main objective is to provide a regular overview of the environmental performances of the sector in order to plan suitable policy making measures. To read more please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/news/2016-01-29-environmental-report_en.htm

13. Smart cities: EU Commission gives a push to electric and smart mobility

EU Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc opened the [2016 Transport for Smart Cities conference](#) on Jan 28th 2016 gathering 200 leading players part of a [European Innovation Partnership \(EIP\)](#) whose objective is to improve urban life through sustainable integrated solutions. Commissioner Bulc attended the launch of two new initiatives bringing together cities and industry to promote the roll-out of [smart electric mobility](#) and of [smart city mobility services](#) at a large scale. To read more please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/urban/news/2016-01-28-smart-cities_en.htm

14. Global Economy Prospects, Risks in Focus at Davos

During the Davos WEF meetings, a group of ministers from the countries negotiating a Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) also met to review the state-of-play in those discussions. According to [a statement](#) released by the US Trade Representative's office afterward, which was confirmed by sources familiar with the meeting, ministers reaffirmed their goal of clinching a deal this year. To read more please visit: <http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/davos-global-economy-prospects-risks-in-focus-at-high-level-meet>

15. APEC Cuts Environmental Goods Tariffs

The [21 APEC economies](#) have [published details](#) on their implementation of tariff cuts on a list of 54 environmentally friendly goods, boosting trade and improving access to the tools needed to fight climate change.

The tariff reductions on the APEC list of environmental goods will also promote trade worth around USD300 billion within the region and USD500 billion worldwide, unlocking new sources of economic growth, while giving impetus to the Environmental Goods Agreement negotiations in the World Trade

Organization which are set to continue this year. To read more please visit: http://www.apec.org/Press/News-Releases/2016/0128_EG.aspx

16. UN panel and the lithium battery debate

Not long ago the International Civilian Aviation Organization (ICAO) gave its recommendations about a proposed ban on the transport of lithium batteries shipped as cargo on passenger flights, which were received with mixed feeling in the industry. The Associated Press puts the debate back on the table by publishing the following article:

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_AIRLINERS_BATTERY_FIRES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT.

17. ADB Private Sector Financing Tops \$2.6 Billion in 2015

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a record \$2.6 billion of new financing and investments for the private sector in 2015, a 37% increase from a year earlier and 62% higher than in 2013.

As a result of this significant expansion, ADB's private sector investment portfolio has increased to over \$8 billion, and its private sector operations are now targeted to double from current levels by 2020. To read more please visit: <http://www.adb.org/news/adb-private-sector-financing-tops-26-billion-2015-37-year-year>