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FIATA TRAINING INITIATIVES

1. TLF offers new Refresher Course

TLF Overseas and AFTRAL offer two new training programmes relating to international careers. Both programmes meet FIATA standards and approval within the framework of the Fiata institutes ABVT (Advisory Body Vocational Training) and the foundation FLA (FIATA Logistics Academy). More information: <http://fiatalearning.com/tlrefresher>

2. FLA promotes courses in Ethics, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption

FLA and Open Sesame bring the freight forwarding and logistics industry a bundle of courses focused on Ethics, Anti-Corruption, Anti-Bribery as well as business skills and soft skills at a discounted rate. Use the code FIATA to profit from a 5% discount when registering to these courses. <http://fiatalearning.com/opensesame>

3. FLA roadshows next month

Because communication matters, the FLA Mentors have engaged in FLA demonstration days supported and presented by FIATA Association Members in several countries. FLA Mentors will provide information and offer up-to-date knowledge on the range of FLA course offerings and initiatives. Follow us on Twitter to know more: @FiataFLA

Road show dates in May 2016 are:

- 15th.....Dubai
- 21st.....in Addis Ababa during the FIATA Region Africa Middle East Meeting
- 24th..... Mombasa
- 26th..... Nairobi

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

4. Russian Federation and India ratify WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

India has ratified the new Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). India's WTO ambassador Anjali Prasad handed over her country's instrument of acceptance to Director-General Roberto Azevêdo on 22 April.

The Russian Federation has become the 77th WTO member to ratify the new Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The Russian Federation's Minister of Economic Development, Alexey Ulyukhaev,

met with Director-General Roberto Azevêdo on 22 April and presented his country's TFA instrument of acceptance.

To read more please visit: https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

5. Stricter controls in Swiss free ports

The Schellenberg Wittmer newsletter reports Swiss free ports have attracted criticism in the past for having been partly used for illegal purposes. In reaction to this criticism, the Federal Council strengthened controls in Swiss free ports as of 1 January 2016.

In free ports, personnel from the Swiss Federal Customs Authority are present. Ten free ports currently exist, a notable one being situated in Geneva. To read more please visit: http://images.swlegal.ch/gallery/090528165709698839/20160425_Newsletter_April%20II_English_Final.pdf

6. World Bank Group and UNCTAD announce enhanced cooperation on investment and trade

The World Bank Group and UNCTAD have announced renewed cooperation in the areas of investment and trade. The announcement came following the International Monetary Fund/World Bank Group 2016 Spring Meetings in Washington.

Trade, investment and support to the private sector in developing countries, is key to the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to the UNCTAD objective of ensuring prosperity for all and to the World Bank Group's twin goals of ending poverty and boosting shared prosperity. To read more please visit: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2016/04/25/world-bank-group-and-unctad-announce-enhanced-cooperation-in-investment-and-trade>

7. UNCTAD - Luxembourg named best place to shop online

Luxembourg retained its position at the top of the latest [UNCTAD B2C E-commerce](#) Index measuring the underlying capability of 137 economies to support online shopping and other business-to-consumer electronic commerce. The 137 economies represent 96% of the world population and 99% of world GDP. Among the top 10 economies on the Index, six are European, three are from the Asia-Pacific region and one is from North America.

To read more please visit: <http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3592d5dcafd1b9278dd78095f&id=f847d61325&e=9edbed2164>

8. EU - Second edition of Handbook for Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment

Sustainability impact assessments (SIAs) are a key tool for the conduct of sound and transparent trade negotiations. Taking place during the negotiations, they feed into the work of the negotiators as the negotiations evolve.

The Commission has been carrying out SIAs on all negotiated trade agreements since 1999. This second edition of the SIA Handbook reflects the various improvements introduced in the conduct of SIAs in the light of experience.

To read more please visit: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1487>

9. European Commission publishes report on state of play of TTIP negotiations

The Commission has published a report which presents a detailed break-down of progress made in the ongoing negotiation of a trade agreement between the EU and the United States, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

To read more please visit: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1488>

10. EU, Mercosur Prepare to Revamp Trade Talks in May

The EU and Mercosur are set to ramp up their long-struggling trade talks, with officials from both sides confirming plans to exchange market access offers in goods and services during the second week of May.

The news, [confirmed](#) in early April by EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström and Uruguayan Foreign Minister Rodolfo Nin Novoa, has fuelled a renewal of interest - and controversy - over the talks, which were first launched in 1999.

To read more please visit: <http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/eu-mercotur-prepare-to-revamp-trade-talks-in-may>

11. EU Commission adopts the new Work Programme for the Union Customs Code (UCC)

With the adoption of the Commission implementing decision of 11 April 2016, the Commission repeals and replaces the outdated Work Programme of 29 April 2014 (Decision n° 2014/255/EU) by a brand new decision taking into account the latest legal, transitional and operational developments for the UCC.

The Work Programme aims to govern, plan and manage the electronic environment underpinning the UCC in a proper and staged manner, as from the date of application of the Code, i.e. 1 May 2016, till its full implementation, i.e. 31 December 2020.

The **Work Programme for the Union Customs Code** is available in the [Official Journal L99 of 15/04/2016](#).

12. OECD - Illicit Trade

The OECD report assesses the magnitude, flows and drivers of illicit trade and the illegal economy including: narcotics, human trafficking, wildlife, sports betting, counterfeit medicines, alcohol and tobacco. The negative socio-economic impacts that these markets have in consumer countries are as worrisome as the governance gaps that are exploited in source countries.

To read more please visit: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/charting-illicit-trade_9789264251847-en

13. OECD - Trade in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods

Counterfeit and pirated products come from many economies, with some producing market larger than others. These illegal products are frequently found in a range of industries, from luxury items (e.g. fashion apparel or deluxe watches), via intermediary products (such as machines, spare parts or chemicals) to consumer goods that have an impact on personal health and safety (such as

pharmaceuticals, food and drink, medical equipment, or toys). Counterfeit trade poses threats to logistics enterprises which should be apprised of existing risks.

To read more please visit: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/trade-in-counterfeit-and-pirated-goods_9789264252653-en

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY

14. UN - A Call To Action: Supporting A New Global Fund for Road Safety

The week of April 15th, the UN General Assembly debated a new resolution on road safety. Road traffic fatalities are the number one killer of 15-29 year olds today and take the lives of 1.24 million people globally.

A target to halve global road traffic fatalities and injuries in just five years was set by the UN General Assembly in 2015, as part of the new Sustainable Development Goals. In the past 12 months, we have seen the formation of an 'FIA High Level Panel on Road Safety'. To read more please visit: http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/media/news/2016/15_04/en/

15. PCC Sets Plans for Next Major Report Cycle, 1.5 Degree Celsius Study

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) agreed last week in Nairobi on a timeframe for its next major series of climate reports.

The 1.5 degree Celsius report has drawn particular attention, given the outcomes reached at the UN's Paris climate talks last year, including a universal emissions-cutting accord to begin in 2020. To read more please visit: <http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/ipcc-sets-plans-for-next-major-report-cycle-15-degree-celsius-study>

16. UNCTAD Briefing: Realising trade potential to contribute to Sustainable Development

In the landscape of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), trade is expected to catalyse inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction, and contribute to the promotion of sustainable development.

The recent UNCTAD report, "Trading into Sustainable Development", tackles this question. To read more please visit: <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1112>

17. UNECE is making geospatial data work for you

Now, many of us are used to typing the destination in the GPS navigation device before leaving for a weekend trip. The nearest bank or gas station can be located using a phone application. Just like that, fast and easy. This development has crucial important in moder logistics.

The analytical value of data increases if they can be linked to a point of reference - such as time or location. Geotagging means linking data with information about its physical location, such as a country, region, road, building, address, coordinate etc.

To read more please visit: <http://www.unece.org/info/media/news/statistics/2016/unece-is-making-geospatial-data-work-for-you/doc.html>

18. UNECE and Climate Change

The publication [UNECE and Climate Change](#) compiles the work that UNECE is already doing for combating climate change in the pan-European region. UNECE aims at transforming global goals into practical solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

To read more please visit: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=42546&L=0>

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RAIL FREIGHT

20. EU - Landmark deal to deliver better rail services

The European Commission welcomed the agreement reached yesterday evening by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers of the EU on the Fourth Railway Package. This is a series of measures to make European railways more innovative and competitive. The 4th railways package also contains measure that concern rail freight.

To read more please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/rail/news/2016-04-20-fourth-railway-package_en.htm

AIR FREIGHT

21. ICAO completes regional consultation round supporting global market-based measure scheme for aviation

ICAO has successfully concluded its second round of Global Aviation Dialogues (GLADs) on Market-based Measures (MBMs) to address climate change from international flight emissions, a key priority under the UN agency's strategic objective of environmental protection.

The conclusion of this latest round of ICAO outreach paves the way towards its 39th Assembly this September, where ICAO's 191 Member States will decide on whether to adopt the global MBM scheme for implementation by 2020. To read more please visit:

[http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-Completes-Regional-Consultation-Round-Supporting-Global-Market-Based-Measure-\(GMBM\)-Scheme-For-Aviation.aspx](http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-Completes-Regional-Consultation-Round-Supporting-Global-Market-Based-Measure-(GMBM)-Scheme-For-Aviation.aspx)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

22. UNCTAD - Data Protection Framework

UNCTAD maintains that the Data Protections Framework must be compatible with International data flows for developing countries to benefit from the global digital economy.

National and regional legal frameworks that protect data in the ever-expanding digital economy are often outdated, incompatible or missing, UNCTAD has found.

In a new report, [Data Protection Regulations and International Data Flows: Implications for Trade and Development](#), UNCTAD says that [coherent and compatible data protection regimes](#) will be ever-more important in the face of new technologies such as cloud computing, big data, and the Internet of Things. More dialogue between all stakeholders is needed to achieve adequate protection, the report urges.

To read more please visit: <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=3592d5dcafd1b9278dd78095f&id=0b736d428e&e=9edbed2164>