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FIATA CONGRESS

1. Make your **BOOKINGS** before it is too late!

Spaces at the FIATA World Congress in Dublin are quickly being filled and all participants are kindly urged to make their last minute reservations and bookings. Some hotels will be sold out soon and others may no longer keep the preferential rates that were pre-negotiated for the Congress.

Please visit the Congress website at your earliest convenience and make the required bookings on line: <http://fiata2016.org/> www.fiata2016.org

ASSOCIATIONS' AFFAIRS

2. ICAO FIATA Dangerous Goods Train the Trainer Takes off in San Jose, Costa Rica

The 1st ICAO FIATA DG by air Train the Trainer (TOT) program has officially launched in San Jose, Costa Rica. The 4-day course stretching from August 29th to September 4th attracted 21 participants from 10 different countries with the goal of preparing the generation of trainers in the Central American region.

Participants completing the course will receive a certificate and the required skills to deliver dangerous goods training. The event is a milestone in enhancing training efforts in the region and ICAO and FIATA look forward to further TOT courses in the future.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

3. Senegal, Uruguay ratify Trade Facilitation Agreement

Senegal and Uruguay have ratified the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The submission of the instruments of acceptance means that nearly 85 per cent of the ratifications needed to bring the TFA into force have now been received.

To view the list of ratified countries please visit: <http://live-wtotfaf.pantheonsite.io/ratifications>

4. Dominican Republic - Freight and Weight Documentation on Bill of Lading

Starting August 1st 2016, it is required to include freight and weight information on the Bill of Lading. Dominican Republic customs will be validating this information with its SIGA customs system. All manifest transmissions to SIGA must include freight and weight details. Approval of the cargo will depend on accuracy of this information.

Source: Hapag-Lloyd

5. New FMC Online Registration Renewal System for Non-U.S. Based NVOCCs

This month the US Division of Import Operations in the Office of Regulatory Authority has launched a new and revamped website. The site provides access to up to date and comprehensive information on most issues involving imports, including personal importation and commodity specific requirements.

There are answers to many FDA import questions, such as quick access to common entry errors, and there is contact information to reach real people locally and in headquarters. The Imports site is part of the overall FDA website: <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/ImportProgram/default.htm>

6. UNECA - Addis Ababa to host the 10th African Development Forum

Preparations are underway for the Tenth African Development Forum (ADF) to be convened by the Economic Commission for Africa, the African Union and the African Development Bank.

The forum, which brings together Heads of State and Government, policy makers of African Member States, development partners, UN agencies, academics, civil society organisations, the private sector, eminent policy and opinion leaders, among others, will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the theme: "Migration and Africa's transformation", 15-17 November 2016. Parallel events will take place from 13-14 November. To read more: <http://www.uneca.org/stories/addis-ababa-host-10th-african-development-forum>

INFRASTRUCTURE

7. ADB: Transport in Myanmar: 12 Things to Know

Myanmar needs to increase its investments in transport, including modernising roads and rail systems to make them safer and more efficient, according to the Asian Development Bank's [Myanmar Transport Sector Policy Note](#). These improvements are said to contribute to saving lives, grow the economy and create jobs. To read more please visit: <http://www.adb.org/news/features/transport-myanmar-12-things-know>

8. ADB: Western Mongolia's Road to Development

A highway linking Mongolia to neighbouring Russia and the People's Republic of China is bringing development, jobs, and social services to the country's remote western regions.

Connecting Ulaanbayshint on the Mongolia-Russia border to Yarant on the Mongolia-PRC border, the western regional road is built under the umbrella of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) program.

More information is available on: <http://www.adb.org/news/videos/western-mongolias-road-development>

9. Japan chooses AfDB to implement bold new Infrastructure Plan for Africa

Visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has announced a bold new African infrastructure plan worth US \$10 billion over the next three years to be implemented by the African Development Bank (AfDB), raising the stature of the Abidjan-based financial institution in achieving Africa's development. The infrastructure investment package announced by the Japanese Prime Minister will focus on modernising electricity, power and urban transport systems in order to improve the connectivity of Africa.

To read more please visit: <http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/japan-chooses-afdb-to-implement-bold-new-infrastructure-plan-for-africa-16039/>

10. UNEP : Why trade matters for better lives

Openness to trade and investment is a key ingredient for generating economic growth and ultimately leads to better lives for men and women across the globe. We have seen it happen in many countries the past decades, for example in China and South Korea. Ethiopia is among the countries going through a similar experience.

The beginning of a new railway connecting landlocked Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda with the Kenyan port town of Mombasa is a great example. The Chinese-funded project will cut transport costs in half, increase regional trade and improve access to port and global trade for four landlocked East African countries.

More at: <http://web.unep.org/greeneconomy/news/why-trade-matters-better-lives>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

11. WCO - Malaysia launches new information system

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department is working on a new information system, known as uCustoms, which will enable effective information-sharing, streamlined procedures, and genuine collaboration among all agencies involved in the clearance process

The uCustoms is in essence a set of subsystems that facilitate trade by allowing traders to submit declarations for import, export and transit transactions, as well as manifests, and to process duty payments online via a secured and customer-friendly portal. The 'u' in uCustoms stands for 'ubiquitous,' which conveys the idea that the new system is accessible through all sorts of connected devices at all times

To read more please visit:

http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/~media/WCO/Public/Global/PDF/Media/WCO%20News%20Magazines/WCO_News_79_2.pdf

12. UN/CEFACT Buy/Pay PDA Open for Public Review

The UN/CEFACT Buy/Pay PDA is pleased to announce the opening of the Public Review period for the SCRDM Project. The purpose of this project is to develop and publish an international "Supply Chain Reference Data Model" for international & national trade.

The 60 days' Public Review period will end on October 30th 2016. The RDM Guideline, SCRDM-BRS, SCRDM-RSM, SCRDM subset of the CCL and related green paper are available for review. Any comments should be submitted to the Project Lead Rolf Wessel and Lead Editor Gerhard Heemskerck using the [Public Review Comment Template](#). FIATA is an active participant and would be pleased to read comments from members.

To read more please visit: <http://www.unece.org/cefact/>

13. The FAA's New Drone Rules Are Effective August 29th

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) new comprehensive regulations go into effect today for routine non-recreational use of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) - more popularly known as

"drones." The provisions of the new rule - formally known as Part 107 - are designed to minimize risks to other aircraft and people and property on the ground. A summary is available [here](#). (PDF)

To read more please visit: <https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=86305>

14. Hyperloop Technology to be Studied for Freight Transportation

The transportation start-up Hyperloop will study its electric propulsion tube system technology for moving freight at ports. Hyperloop said it has partnered with Dubai-based DP World to study the use of the technology to move containers from ships to an inland depot. The study will look at the handling of the containers, costs, benefits, and volume patterns of moving cargo using the technology, according to the two companies.

The Hyperloop system uses electric propulsion to accelerate a passenger or cargo vehicle through a tube in a low-pressure environment. The autonomous vehicle levitates slightly above the track and glides at faster-than-airline speeds over long distances, according to Los Angeles-based Hyperloop

To read more please visit:

http://www.ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=42960&utm_source=logistics&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=newsletter

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY

15. ICAO SG stresses importance of aviation to achieve UN SDGs in Argentina

Dr Fang Liu, ICAO's Secretary General, stressed the importance of Argentina's contributions to international civil aviation in bilateral meetings with the country's Minister of External Affairs and Worship, Ms Susana Mabel Malcorra, and Minister of Transport, Mr Guillermo Dietrich.

The visit was an opportunity for Dr. Liu to highlight ICAO's initiatives to strength awareness of air transport's critical role in driving global social and economic development and supporting the achievement the United Nation's Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

To read more please visit: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/SG-stresses-importance-of-aviation-to-achievement-of-UN-SDGs-in-Argentina.aspx>

16. \$81 Billion Mobilised in 2015 to Tackle Climate Change - Joint MDB Report

Climate finance totalling \$81 billion was mobilised for projects funded by the world's six largest multilateral development banks (MDBs) in 2015. This included \$25 billion of MDBs' direct climate finance, combined with a further \$56 billion from other investors.

The latest MDB climate finance figures are detailed in the 2015 Joint Report on Multilateral Development Banks' Climate Finance, prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) together with MDB partners: the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDBG), and the World Bank Group (WBG).

To read more please visit: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2016/08/09/81-billion-mobilized-in-2015-to-tackle-climate-change---joint-mdb-report>

17. COP22 Low-Emissions Solutions Conference

The COP22 'Low-Emissions Solutions Conference: Global Brainstorming on Practical Pathways to Low Emissions' will follow up on commitments made in the Paris Agreement on climate change, in which countries are responsible for submitting a Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for the period to 2030, as well as a Low-Emission Development Strategy (LEDS) to 2050. Convening under the theme 'Global Brainstorming on Practical Pathways to Low Emissions,' the Conference will provide an opportunity to share knowledge, exchange information, identify bottlenecks, discuss best practices and prioritize future research.

The agenda includes the following issues: design of NDCS and LEDS; cities and energy efficiency in buildings; transport; power generation and distribution; and public policies and regulations to support the decarbonisation of energy systems. The meeting will take place in Marrakech, Morocco November 14th - 16th.

More information at: <http://climate-l.iisd.org/events/cop22-low-emissions-solutions-conference/>