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## **ASSOCIATIONS' AFFAIRS**

### **1. CIFA delivers Impactful ICAO FIATA Dangerous Goods ToT in China**

Organised by FIATA's Chinese International Freight Forwarders Associations (CIFA), the week long course stretching from October 17th to 21st has attracted 37 participants with the goal of preparing the next generation of trainers in China. Participants completing the course gained the needed competencies to deliver dangerous goods training. This marks the second ICAO FIATA DG Train the Trainer Course delivered in less than 2 months. The previous one was held in San Jose, Costa Rica in September servicing the Central American market.

To read more about the Chinese ToT course please visit: <http://fiata.com/media/press-releases/2016/25-october.html>

To read about the Costa Rica ToT course that took place last month please visit: <http://fiata.com/media/press-releases/2016/6-september.html>

### **2. FIATA's 90th Anniversary Issue Air Cargo News - Available Online**

A dedicated Air Cargo News publication in celebration of FIATA's 90th Anniversary has been made available online. The issue includes insightful stories of FIATA's Past, Present and Future and exclusive interviews with delegates sharing their perspectives of the industry.

The issue includes briefings on the IATA FIATA Historic Accord, a piece on FIATA Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and an exclusive with FIATA's Ground Breaking President. The issue also takes light of FIATA's founding countries back in 1926 in Vienna.

To access the online issue please visit: <http://www.aircargonews.com/FIATA90thAnniversaryIssue/html5/index.html?page=1>

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **3. Global Alliance on Trade Facilitation Newsletter Released**

As of today, the TFA only needs 16 more ratifications to enter into force. In this final phase, a multi stakeholder Alliance, with participation from FIATA, has been formed and already active in encouraging ratification efforts, both publicly and behind the scenes. They have already directly engaged dozens of ministers and over 70 multinational corporations on TFA ratification and implementation.

In-country, the Alliance is engaging local and international business stakeholders to develop total time and logistics cost studies to determine the direct and indirect costs of trade bottlenecks on supply chains. FIATA will meet with members of the Global Alliance to represent the interests of the freight forwarding industry.

To read more: <http://elink-eu.azure.send.com/m/411e9ac61b06481684c6d1bef2594183/7473C86D/6230B1AD/102016>

#### **4. World Bank, IMF, and WTO Stand Together for Global Trade**

For the first time ever, on October 7th, the World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization came together to address one topic - global trade. The event, Making [Trade an Engine of Growth for All](#), comes at a time when trade and globalisation are constantly making headlines. The main takeaway is that the world needs policies that are designed in response to global challenges such as job losses and persistent inequality.

To read more please visit: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2016/10/13/world-bank-imf-and-wto-stand-together-for-global-trade>

#### **5. WTO - Sweden donates over CHF 1 million for Developing Countries' Trade**

The government of Sweden has donated in 2016 CHF 1,300,000 (SEK 11,575,000) to help developing and least-developed countries (LDCs) participate effectively in multilateral trade negotiations and over CHF 100,000 (SEK 900,000) for evaluating the WTO trust funds.

To read more please visit: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/pres16\\_e/pr782\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres16_e/pr782_e.htm)

#### **6. New EU-UNCTAD Agreement to Help Central Africa Cut its Trade Costs**

UNCTAD is set to support Central African countries cut the costs of their cross-border trade, after signing a three-year €380,000 (\$420,000) deal with the European Union in Brussels on Friday. The grant enables UNCTAD to help countries comply with various trade regulations, including the Trade Facilitation Agreement, a World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement, that will streamline import, export and transit procedures between the WTO's 162 members.

To read more please visit: [http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1356&Sitemap\\_x0020\\_Taxonomy=UNCTAD%20Home;#510;#TradeFacilitation;#1493;#TechnicalCooperation;#1721;#Transport;#1450;#TechnologyandLogistics](http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1356&Sitemap_x0020_Taxonomy=UNCTAD%20Home;#510;#TradeFacilitation;#1493;#TechnicalCooperation;#1721;#Transport;#1450;#TechnologyandLogistics)

#### **7. WCO Releases Guidelines on Customs-Tax Cooperation**

The WCO released Guidelines for strengthening cooperation and exchange of information between Customs and Tax authorities at the national level. These Guidelines have been formulated with the support of WCO Members and development partners, especially the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The Guidelines aim to provide reference guidance to Customs and Tax authorities who wish to go further in their cooperation and develop operational models which enable agencies to work together to their mutual benefit.

To read more please visit: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2016/october/wco-releases-guidelines-on-customs-tax-cooperation.aspx>

FIATA's position paper on this issue is published here: [http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/Position\\_Papers/POSITION\\_PAPER\\_-\\_FIATAs\\_comments\\_on\\_WCO\\_draft\\_Customs\\_-\\_Tax\\_Cooperation\\_....pdf](http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Position_Papers/POSITION_PAPER_-_FIATAs_comments_on_WCO_draft_Customs_-_Tax_Cooperation_....pdf)

#### **8. Joint ICAO-WCO Regional Workshop on Air Cargo Security and Facilitation**

Following on from the first successful joint Pilot Workshop held in Bangkok in April 2015, this event was attended by 28 participants representing Customs and aviation security authorities from 11 countries,

as well as representatives from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU). The workshop also provided participants with an opportunity to share experiences and identify synergies in Customs and civil aviation air cargo security processes, with the aim of identifying areas for enhancing existing security provisions while facilitating legitimate flows of goods transported by the air cargo industry.

To read more please visit: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2016/october/joint-icao-wco-regional-workshop-on-air-cargo-security-and-facilitation.aspx>

## **9. EU - Report of the 15th TTIP Negotiation Round**

The 15th Round of TTIP negotiations, which took place between 3rd and 7th of October 2016 in New York, put a strong emphasis on the consolidation of text. Overall, there was progress, particularly in some of the regulatory chapters.

To read the report please visit: [http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/october/tradoc\\_155027.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/october/tradoc_155027.pdf)

## **10. EU and China discuss Trade, Investment and Cooperation**

The EU and China met in Brussels during the 6th High-level Economic and Trade Dialogue to discuss strengthening policy coordination, promoting sustainable growth and tackling overcapacity in the framework of state aid control. The meeting was co-chaired by Jyrki Katainen, European Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, and Chinese Vice-Premier Ma Kai.

To read more please visit: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1563>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **11. Two UN/CEFACT Recommendation put up for Public Review**

UN/CEFACT announced the opening of the public review period for two projects. The first, the Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism recommendation. This project aims to provide guidance on monitoring the effectiveness of policies and procedures that facilitate trade.

In addition, UN/CEFACT has also opened the project on Technical Note on Terminology for Single Window and Other Electronic Platforms for public review. This project has aimed to elaborate on the five key aspects of the definition of a Single Window and to provide guidance on terminology for other types of platforms that fulfil a function similar to a Single Window.

The 60-day public review period for both projects will end on 14/12/2016. The Public Draft texts can be accessed below upon registration to UN/CEFACT's CUE Website.

- . [Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism recommendation](#) .
- . [Technical Note on Terminology for Single Window and Other Electronic Platforms](#) .

FIATA was on the project group for both recommendations and contributed throughout. Members interested providing input during the public review period are encouraged to contact the FIATA secretariat at [eid@fiata.com](mailto:eid@fiata.com).

## **SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY**

### **12. Climate change: EU and Member States' Contributions up to €17.6 Billion in 2015**

Contributions from the EU and its member states to help developing countries reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and cope with the impacts of climate change showed a sharp increase in 2015, particularly for adaptation finance. The latest figure demonstrates the EU's determination to scale up its international climate finance contribution towards the \$100 billion per year goal set for industrialised countries by 2020 and through until 2025.

To read more please visit: [http://dsms.consilium.europa.eu/952/Actions/Newsletter.aspx?messageid=8306&customerid=32997&password=enc\\_313133783131583735363831\\_enc](http://dsms.consilium.europa.eu/952/Actions/Newsletter.aspx?messageid=8306&customerid=32997&password=enc_313133783131583735363831_enc)

### **13. ECA and partners launch SDGs transition report**

The Economic Commission for Africa and its partners launched a report, which looks at Africa's performance on the Millennium Development Goals to date and provides a transition to Africa's 50-year development plan, Agenda 2063, and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda. The partners are the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme. The report highlights the need for Africa to invest public resources where it matters most, in particular infrastructure, structural transformation, promoting inclusive growth, among others.

To read more please visit: <http://www.uneca.org/stories/eca-and-partners-launch-sdgs-transition-report>

### **14. Africa urged to Address Paris Agreement Implementation Challenges**

There is an urgent need for African countries to review and revise their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) to address challenges that can affect the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change says Economic Commission for Africa's Chief Economist and Deputy Executive Secretary, Abdalla Hamdok. In remarks to the Sixth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-VI) that opened in Addis Ababa Monday, Mr. Hamdok said of the 61 countries that have ratified the Paris Agreement so far, 14 are African, accounting for only 1.06 percent of global emissions.

To read more please visit: <http://www.uneca.org/stories/africa-urged-address-challenges-may-affect-paris-agreement-implementation>

### **15. New UN Agreement toward Synergies between Air Transport and Urban Development**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) enhancing the synergies between urban development and aviation has been signed in Quito by Dr Fang Liu, the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Dr Joan Clos, the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). The MoU builds on multiple strategic coordination agreements that the international community has already adopted in this regard. However, it is a particularly pertinent step forward in light of the New Urban Agenda. The Agenda is a policy document agreed at HABITAT III that will guide a wide range of actors as they address urbanisation issues over the next two decades.

To read more please visit: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/New-UN-agreement-to-foster-sustainable-development-synergies-between-air-transport-and-urban-development.aspx>

### **16. 1.9 Billion Euros to Support Key European Transport Projects**

The European Commission launched today the [third round of calls for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility \(CEF\)](#) for transport, making €1.9 billion available to finance key transport projects. Overall, the calls make €840 million available to all 28 Member States ('General envelope') for cross-border infrastructure projects and for projects covering innovation and new technologies and traffic management systems such as the European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS), Intelligent Transport Systems for roads (ITS) or the Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research

(SESAR) Programme. Of this amount, €40 million will be dedicated to infrastructure projects to connect with neighbouring countries.

To read more please visit: [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/2016-10-13-1-point-9-billion-support-key-european-transport-projects\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/2016-10-13-1-point-9-billion-support-key-european-transport-projects_en)