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## **ASSOCIATIONS' AFFAIRS**

### **1. FIATA Contribute to Emergent Africa**

Emergent Africa, a novel by Mr Calestous Juma, Harvard, and Dr Francis Mangeni, COMESA, will be released this year. FIATA has contributed to the novel from the private sector's perspective citing relevant examples in the industry.

The novel argues that unlike other integration initiatives that focus almost entirely on trade, Africa's efforts include infrastructure development and industrialisation. The integration is a way to facilitate development by consolidating national and regional markets to reap the benefits of larger economies. Trade is thus viewed as a tool for promoting prosperity through industrial development. One could argue that some of the concepts contained in the book are also present in many FIATA position papers. For more details, please visit: <http://fiatafoundation.com/#projects/2017-africabook>

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

### **2. From Vision to Reality: Celebrating the Trade Facilitation Agreement**

Participants who played a key role in negotiating the new Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) joined WTO members and others on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June to celebrate the Agreement's entry into force and to discuss the challenges in its implementation. The TFA provides for practical assistance for those countries to undertake the reforms through the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF). For more details, please visit: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news17\\_e/fac\\_02jun17\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/fac_02jun17_e.htm)

### **3. New Publication Shares Best Practice for National Committees on Trade Facilitation**

A new publication reports that many WTO members' national bodies for the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement would like to receive assistance. The publication, released on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, details best practice for establishing a National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) based on a survey of over 100 members. For more details, please visit: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news17\\_e/fac\\_09jun17\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/fac_09jun17_e.htm)

### **4. UN Secretary-General Appoints Isabelle Durant as Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, decided to appoint Ms Isabelle Durant of Belgium as Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Ms. Durant will succeed Joakim Reiter of Sweden. Ms Durant is currently a member of the Parliament of Brussels-Capital Region. She also served formerly as Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium for four years as well as Vice-President of the European Parliament for the period 2009 to 2014. Read more:

[http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1501&Sitemap\\_x0020\\_Taxonomy=UNCTAD%20Home;#14;#OSG](http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1501&Sitemap_x0020_Taxonomy=UNCTAD%20Home;#14;#OSG)

## 5. 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Continental Free Trade Area Negotiating Forum (CFTA-NF)

The objectives of the meeting include items such as Tariff Liberalisation and Trade in Services negotiations, considering the draft CFTA Agreement. The meeting will start with Trade Mapping and the Trade Analysis Tool, as first aspiration of the 10-year plan of Agenda 2063. "A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development" is the fast-track for establishing the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA). To read more please visit:

<https://www.au.int/web/en/pressreleases/20170608/sixth-meeting-continental-free-trade-area-negotiating-forum-cfta-nf-kicks>

## 6. WCO Asia-Pacific Regional Strategic Workshop on the WCO Security Programme

The workshop introduced Member Administrations to the Programme Global Shield, Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) Programme, the SALW Project and the Security Project Fund for South East

Asia ([http://www.by.undp.org/content/belarus/en/home/operations/projects/democratic\\_governance/SALW.html](http://www.by.undp.org/content/belarus/en/home/operations/projects/democratic_governance/SALW.html))

Attended by 34 participants from 25 countries, this workshop provided Member Administrations information on how to access WCO tools and instruments to assist them with implementing the Punta Cana Resolution. Read more at: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2017/may/wco-asia-pacific-regional-strategic-workshop-on-the-wco-security-programme.aspx>

## 7. The Power of Data 2017: WCO ITC Launches Discussions on Latest IT trends

The WCO IT Conference and Exhibition 2017 opened its doors to over 500 delegates from more than 80 countries in Tbilisi, Georgia between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June under the theme "The Power of Data". WCO Secretary General, Kunio Mikuriya, stressed that Customs administrations and the WCO are examining ways of providing operational solutions to improve service delivery and facilitate B2B and B2C eCommerce, which are both showing tremendous growth. Read more at:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2017/june/the-power-of-data-2017-wco-itc-launches-discussions-on-latest-it-trends.aspx>

## AIR FREIGHT

### 8. Goh Choon Phong New IATA Chairman

IATA announced that Goh Choon Phong, CEO of Singapore Airlines, has assumed his duties as Chairman of the IATA Board of Governors (BoG) for a one-year term, since the conclusion of the 73<sup>rd</sup> IATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Cancun, Mexico which took place between June 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Goh succeeds Willie Walsh, CEO of International Airlines Group. Walsh will continue to serve on the BoG and the Chair Committee. To read more please visit:

<http://www.iata.org/pressroom/pr/Pages/2017-06-06-01.aspx>

### 9. ICAO Reviewing Laptop and Device Restrictions

Speaking during his keynote address to the IATA's Annual General Meeting, ICAO Council President Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu stressed to world airline CEOs that the security and safety risks must be effectively balanced when considering any restrictions on passengers' personal electronic devices (PEDs) being permitted in aircraft cabins. The ICAO Aviation Security Panel recently recommended a new Task Force be established to further review the security risks from improvised explosive devices which can be concealed in passenger devices. To read more please visit:

<https://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-rapidly-reviewing-laptop-and-device-restrictions-to-help-balance-safety-and-security-concerns.aspx>

## **10. IATA - Closer Collaboration Key to Enhancing Aviation Security**

IATA's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) adopted a resolution reaffirming the airline industry's commitment to safety and security. It also called for greater collaboration among all government and industry stakeholders to keep flying secure with risk mitigation measures that maximise the protection of passengers and crew while minimising disruption to passengers and the economy at large.

To read more please visit: <http://www.iata.org/pressroom/pr/Pages/2017-06-05-05.aspx>

## **SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY**

### **11. ICAO Council President to Airline CEOs: CORSIA Remains on Track for 2021**

ICAO Council President Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu brought a clear and determined message to global airline CEOs concerning aviation's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation, or 'CORSIA'. Read more at: <https://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-Council-President-to-airline-CEOs-CORSIA-remains-on-track-for-2021.aspx>

### **12. IATA - Governments Need to Support Production of Sustainable Aviation Fuels**

IATA's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) approved a resolution calling for governments to implement policies to accelerate the deployment of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). The resolution suggests the creation of the appropriate regulatory framework to develop production facilities. The Resolution also reaffirmed the industry's commitment to work with governments to implement the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions agreement. To read more please visit: <http://www.iata.org/pressroom/pr/Pages/2017-06-05-04.aspx>

### **13. UNFCCC - UN Helps Gatwick and Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airports Go Climate Neutral**

Gatwick Airport in the UK and Lyon-Saint Exupéry in France are the latest airports to go entirely carbon neutral with the help of the UN, bringing the total number of such airports in Europe up to 27. The airport's carbon neutral status is certified by the independent carbon management programme Airport Carbon Accreditation under Airport Council International (ACI), which supports airports in measuring, reporting and reducing their emissions.

Read more at: <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/climate-action/unfccc-helps-gatwick-and-lyon-saint-exup%C3%A9ry-airports-go-climate-neutral/>

### **14. UNFCCC - California and China Sign Agreement on Climate and Clean Tech**

The government of California and China's Ministry of Science and Technology have announced they will work together to develop clean energy technologies, cooperate on emissions trading and explore other "climate-positive" trade and investment opportunities. To read more please visit:

<http://newsroom.unfccc.int/unfccc-newsroom/california-and-china-sign-agreement-on-climate-and-cleantech/>

