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## **ASSOCIATIONS' AFFAIRS**

### **1. FIATA Participates in COMESA Meeting in Kampala, Uganda**

FIATA participated in COMESA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub Trade Working Committee held in Kampala, Uganda. On June 22-24<sup>th</sup> the committee meeting focused on issues such as import surcharges and non-tariff barriers. FIATA's participation will help connect with key member states in the COMESA region in keeping with FIATA and COMESA's signed MoU. For more details about COMESA please visit: <http://www.comesa.int/>

### **2. FIATA Attends ICAO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Cargo Development Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

FIATA attended ICAO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Cargo Development Forum, which was organised to promote the implementation the open-sky Lomé and Yamoussoukro Declarations on the Development of Air Cargo in Africa. Policy-makers, air transport regulators, aviation industry delegates and other stakeholders reviewed progress and tried to identify challenges and opportunities. FIATA made concrete suggestions in this regard in its well-known position

paper: [http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/Position\\_Papers/POSITION\\_PAPER\\_-\\_Revisiting\\_the\\_Yamoussoukro\\_Decision.pdf](http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Position_Papers/POSITION_PAPER_-_Revisiting_the_Yamoussoukro_Decision.pdf) For more details, please visit: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/aircargoafrica2017/Pages/default.aspx>

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

### **3. UNCEFACT - Paperless Trade Project**

UN/CEFACT announced the launch of a white paper project on paperless trade. This joint project with the World Economic Forum will aim to provide a brief outlining the history, the current context and some best practices of paperless trade. The project aims to complete the first draft by July and the final draft by September 2017. For more details please visit: <https://www2.unece.org/cefact/display/uncefactpublic/Paperless+Trade+White+Paper>

### **4. WTO Website Offers Easier Access to Members' Rules of Origin**

WTO members and the public will now be able to directly access members' legislation and practices related to rules of origin thanks to changes made in the WTO's rules of origin webpage, which also contains updated information on the current work of the WTO's Committee on Rules of Origin as well as documents for meetings, links to relevant disputes, and information on technical assistance, all streamlined in a new agile menu. For more details please visit: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news17\\_e/roi\\_15jun17\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/roi_15jun17_e.htm)

### **5. WTO - New Publication Shares Best Practice for Trade Facilitation**

Many WTO members have set up national bodies for coordinating the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and would like assistance to ensure their effective functioning. Since June 2<sup>nd</sup> best practices for establishing a National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) is featured in the

published document. FIATA's support to the creation of NCTF's was expressed in the following public statement:

[http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/documents/Position\\_Papers/TFA\\_Main\\_instrument\\_of\\_development\\_for\\_better\\_global\\_trade\\_Public\\_statement\\_.pdf](http://fiata.com/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Position_Papers/TFA_Main_instrument_of_development_for_better_global_trade_Public_statement_.pdf)

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)

## **6. WCO Supported Cameroon's FTA Implementation**

Cameroon signed an Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union and started to apply the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Central Africa. The WCO presented its Revenue Package initiatives, including the Guidelines on Preferential Origin Verification, Origin Certification and Advance

Rulings, designed to assist WCO Members in bringing the Free Trade Agreements into operation.

Read more: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2017/june/wco-supported-camerouns-fta-implementation.aspx>

## **7. WCO Supported Nigeria's National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)**

Focussing on stakeholder and donor engagement, the WCO held the National Training for Nigeria's National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) in June 2at the WCO Regional Training Centre for West and Central Africa, Abuja Nigeria. To read more please visit:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2017/june/wco-supported-nigerias-national-committee-on-trade-facilitation.aspx>

## **8. CFTA Modalities on Goods and Services Adopted in Niamey**

With a positive approach for progressive services liberalisation, 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Continental Free

Trade Area Negotiating Forum (CFTA-NF) was held in Niamey, Niger, in the beginning of June. To read more please visit: <http://www.uneca.org/stories/cfta-modalities-goods-and-services-adopted-niamey>

## **9. ADB, World Bank Group Ready to Help Pacific Island Countries with Trade**

Australia and New Zealand, Cooks Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu have signed the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) Plus. ADB and the World Bank Group offered their support in implementing the agreement. PACER Plus is a trade and development agreement covering goods, services, and investment aimed at boosting economic opportunities in the Pacific region. Read more at: <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-world-bank-group-ready-help-pacific-island-countries-maximize-benefits-increased-trade>

# **SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY**

## **10. ADB Signs \$300 Million Loan for Uttar Pradesh Major District Roads**

The ADB has extended a \$300 million loan for the Uttar Pradesh Major District Roads Improvement Project was signed. This will upgrade about 430 kilometres of major district roads in the state. Read more at: <https://www.adb.org/news/president-nakao-pledges-strong-partnership-uttar-pradesh-adb-signs-300-million-loan-roads>

## **11. Azevêdo: Trade and Climate Change Policies to Reinforce and Strengthen Each Other**

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said that the WTO has an important role to play in examining the growing policy links between trade and climate change. He said, "members must continue to deepen their dialogue, identify where the challenges lie, what current practices are, and of course - what the WTO can bring to the table". Read more at: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/spra\\_e/spra177\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/spra_e/spra177_e.htm)

## **12. UNESCAP Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration**

Regional cooperation and integration having pivotal role in supporting the region's progress and in addressing its challenges were mentioned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) at the Conference, where regional integration driven by trade and investment met the need to develop institutional and social frameworks to achieve integration. To read more please visit:

<http://www.unescap.org/news/international-conference-emphasizes-regional-economic-cooperation-and-integration-achieving>

## **13. UNFCCC - Boosting Collaborative Climate Action for Sustainable Development in Africa**

Key stakeholders from the public sector, private sector and civil society from Africa and beyond met on June 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> in Cotonou, Benin, to take forward collaborative climate action for [sustainable development](#) in the region. Africa Carbon Forum has provided a unique platform for Africans to engage on climate change issues in the region. Read more at: <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/unfccc-newsroom/africa-carbon-forum-2017-boosting-collaborative-climate-action-for-sustainable-development-in-africa/>

## **14. UNFCCC - 100 European Airports to Go Climate Neutral by 2030**

100 European airports are to be carbon neutral by 2030, according to the planning of the European branch of Airports Council International (ACI Europe). Carbon emissions generated by airport operations account for up to 5% of total emissions from the aviation sector. The council doubled its carbon neutrality target for 2030 in support of the central goal of the Paris Climate Change Agreement, which is to keep the global average temperature rise below 2°C. To read more please visit: <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/climate-action/100-european-airports-to-go-climate-neutral-by-2030/>