

APTFF side event

NTFC role in the digitalization of trade

Thursday 4 April 2024, 11:15 – 13:00

Background:

National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFC) are important platforms for institutional coordination and stakeholder consultation based on private and public sector participation. NTFCs can enable the implementation of sustainable trade facilitation reforms. This particularly applies to digitalization processes of trade procedures such as transparency, single window, project management, blockchain and cross border exchange of data.

Objective:

The event will provide an insight in good practices and lessons learned regarding the role of NTFCs in the implementation of digital trade facilitation tools. Panelists will share their experiences and discussion are expected to contribute towards an enhanced understanding of the important role that national trade facilitation committees can play in this field.

Time	Programme
11:15 – 11:25	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Uzbekistan, UNESCAP, UNCTAD, UNECE and GIZ
11:25 – 12:55	<p>Presentation of cases of NTFC involvement in digitalization <i>Moderator: Poul Hansen, Chief, Trade Facilitation, UNCTAD</i> <i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “UNECE Recommendations 4 and 48” <i>Kamola Khusnutdinova, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE</i> • “Facilitation of digital initiatives through regional cooperation of NTFCs. Data Exchange Portal between Uzbek and Kyrgyz customs” <i>Asel Uzagalieva, Deputy Manager of the GIZ Project “Trade Facilitation in Central Asia”,</i> <i>Shukurullo Muminov, Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i> • “Implementation of Trade Information Portal” <i>Elena Boutrimova, Chief, Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, ITC NTFC tbc,</i> • “Implementation of Trade Facilitation Reform Tracker” <i>Poul Hansen, Chief Trade Facilitation, UNCTAD</i> <i>Cambodia NTFC (tbc)</i> • “Single Window: “Putting theory into practice” <i>Dmitry Goudnov, UNCTAD ASYCUDA Regional Coordinator</i> • “Implementation of digitalization in Georgia and NTFC involvement” <i>Samson Uridia, International Relations, Georgian Revenue Service</i> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
12:55 – 13:00	<p>Closing</p>