



## WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE 11 "ADVANCING TRADE FACILITATION AND PAPERLESS TRADE FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH"

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSIONS  
SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER FROM 10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM  
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SAN MARTÍN 1225/1275, BUENOS AIRES

How can trade facilitation best sustain sustainable growth? Given that trade costs within and between most developing regions remain much higher than those that prevail between developed countries, what are the specific measures that need implementation support? What are the related challenges and opportunities? Based on the key findings of the **2017 Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation**, the UN Regional Commissions (UNRCs) will present best approaches and success stories, and will discuss lessons learned and ways forward.

The event will illustrate the development impact of trade facilitation interventions by the UNRCs in areas such as streamlining border clearance procedures; creating synergies between trade facilitation and quality control and assurance; reducing transaction costs; implementing international standards for paperless trade and other innovative trade facilitation approaches. It will also provide the opportunity to hear from countries of the different regions about good practices and lessons learned related to the implementation of specific measures of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), and the strategic priorities for advancing trade facilitation and e-commerce.





## Programme

### ***Welcome and Opening***

**Mario Cimoli**, Deputy Executive Secretary a.i.

*United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)*

### ***Session 1: Where do we stand with the implementation of trade facilitation and paperless trade? Evidence from the UN Regions***

- The Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation: Background and methodology, and evidence from Asia and the Pacific  
**Yann Duval**, Chief of Trade Facilitation Unit,  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Evidence from Africa  
**David Luke**, Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Centre,  
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Evidence from North America, Europe and Central Asia,  
**Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli**, Chief of Trade Facilitation Section,  
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Evidence from in Latin America and the Caribbean,  
**Sebastián Herreros**, Economic Affairs Officer, Division of International Trade and Integration,  
United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

### ***Session 2: What are the good practices and lessons learned in implementing specific measures of the WTO TFA Agreement? What are the strategic priorities to further advance trade facilitation and paperless trade?***

- **Republic of Moldova – HE Octavian Calmic**,  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Infrastructure
- **United Kingdom – HE Andrew Staines**,  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva
- **Sweden – HE Daniel Blockert**,  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO (tbc)
- **Kingdom of Morocco - Saïd Maghraoui Hassani**, Director Trade Remedies and Regulation,  
Ministry of Industry, Investment, trade and Digital Economy
- **Argentina - María Noel Ferrer and Fabiola Cochello**,  
Directorate for Trade Facilitation, Ministry of Production
- **WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) – Sheri Rosenow**,  
Senior Advisor, WTO Secretariat

### ***Closing Remarks***

**Mario Cimoli**, Deputy Executive Secretary a.i.

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