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**Remota Hotel
Puerto Natales, Patagonia, Chile**

Wednesday 15 April, 2015

08:00 – 08:30	Accreditation
08:30 – 09:00	Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vice Minister of Finance, Chile (TBC)- Director General of Customs Chile- COMALEP Permanent Secretariat, México- WCO Deputy Secretary General- WTO representative (TBC)
09:00 – 09:30 Speaker: Alejandro Gamboa-Alder Market Access Division, WTO (TBC)	The Trade Facilitation Agreement - WTO Current status of the Agreement and the challenges in its implementation process (WTO)
09:30 – 10:00 Speaker: Sergio Mujica WCO Deputy Secretary General	Challenges facing WCO and Customs Administrations in the implementation process of the Agreement Mercator Programme (WCO)
10:00 – 11:30 Moderator: Ernanni Checcucci. Director General, Brazil Customs	1° Panel: Transparency as a cross-cutting principle in Customs management Panelists will discuss on good practices in customs matters concerning advertising, availability of information, impartiality and other issues included in Articles 1 to 5 of the Agreement; but not only from the customs point of view but also by combining the outlooks of private – public sector and of experts from international organizations. Questions guiding the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How does each “party” understand these issues?- How do Customs and the private sector assist in improving

	<p>customs system transparency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there any possibility of cooperation between Customs and private sector to improve transparency? <p>Discussion</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jorge Heinermann, President Federation of National Associations Freight Forwarders and International Logistics Operators Latin America and Caribbean. (ALACAT). - Octavio García Muciño, Tequila Regulatory Council, México - Fernando Fernandez Cedeño Director General República Dominicana Customs - Fabián Villarroel, Head of International Affairs Department, Chile Customs
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
<p>12:00 – 13:30 Moderator: Sergio Mujica WCO Deputy Secretary General</p>	<p>2° Panel: Efficiency in customs procedures with a view to TFA implementation</p> <p>Panelists shall, in light of the provisions of Articles 6 to 12, discuss on good practices, from their particular points of views (public, private, international Organizations), in customs procedures related matters and how such good practices assist in trade facilitation.</p> <p>Questions guiding the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does a particular procedure (urgent consignments, import, border coordination, etc.) assist in the accomplishment of the TFA? - How is such procedure applicable in other countries or regions? - Is there any possibility of cooperation among Customs and the private sector to improve customs procedures considering the TFA? <p>Discussion</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alfonso Rojas, President Association of Professional Customs Brokers of the Americas (ASAPRA) - María del Pilar Jurado Borrego, Director Customs and Taxes Spain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maritza Castro, Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Express Companies (CLADEC) - Xavier Cárdenas, Director General Ecuador Customs.
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:30 Moderator: Isabel Clavijo, Central Manager for International Affairs Customs. General Administration of Mexico Customs	3° Panel: Measures taken by the region to successfully implement the TFA The objective of this panel is, from a brief presentation of Section II of the TFA by an expert, to call donor organizations to explain Directors General of Customs issues like the availability of financial and human resources, how to apply for them, possibilities of shared financing, etc. Discussion Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hector Landeros, Capacity Building Manager, Americas and The Caribbean Region. World Customs Organization - Sandra Corcuera, Customs and Trade Facilitation Specialist. Inter-American Development Bank - Virginia Brown, Director, Office of Trade and Regulatory Reform, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
16:30- 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 -17:30 Moderator: Gonzalo Pereira, Director General. Chile Customs	4° Panel: Outcomes: The moderator of each panel will summarize previous discussions. A commitment minute among Customs and private sector represented in the meeting is generated.