

Dushanbe, 20 July 2012

**Regional Training Seminar on Best Practices at Border Crossings
A Trade and Transport Facilitation Perspective
Dushanbe, 20-25 July 2012**

*Organised by
Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Border
Management Staff College in Dushanbe and United Nations Economic Commission for
Europe, Transport Division*

PROGRAMME

Friday, 20 July 2012

09.30 - 10.00 Registration of participants

10.00 - 10.30 Welcoming remarks

- **Mr. Alastair Livingston**, Head of Political-Military Department, OSCE Office in Dushanbe
- **Mr. Alexander Eliseev**, Chief of Education, OSCE Border Management Staff College
- **Mr. Gabriel Leonte**, Economic and Environmental Adviser and
Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Adviser/ Project Manager, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat
- **Mr. Erik Willems**, Transport Facilitation Expert, TIR Secretariat/ Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/tea break

11.00 - 12.30 Module I – Introduction to the Handbook and the Concept of Trade and Transport Facilitation

Objectives:

- To provide a better understanding of the current global trade environment
- To present the concept, methodology and rationale for the Handbook
- Provide a better understanding of the importance of trade and transport facilitation for regional economic development and stability
- Questions & Answers

Trainers:

- **Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic Adviser/ Project Manager, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat
- **Prof. D.Sc. Econ., Yury A. Shcherbanin**, Chief, Laboratory of Analysis and Forecasting of Transport - Logistics Systems Institute of Economic Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 - 15.30 **Module II – Trade and Customs: the International Legal Framework**

Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the existing legal framework surrounding international trade, Customs and border management
- Introduce key conventions and arrangements, including the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements, the WCO's Revised Kyoto Convention and SAFE Framework of Standards, and the UNECE International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
- Questions & Answers

Trainer:

- **Mr. Erik Willems**, TIR Secretariat, Transport Division, UNECE

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee/tea break**

16.00 - 17.00 **Module II - Continued**

17.00 **End of day I**

Saturday, 21 July 2012

09.00 - 10.30 **Module III – From Domestic to International Co-operation**

Objectives:

- Present the OSCE's Comprehensive Border Management Concept
- Make the case for increased inter-agency co-operation both domestically as well as internationally and provide information on Integrated Border Management, Coordinated Border Management, Single Window and other related concepts and methodologies
- Questions & Answers

Trainers:

- **Mr. Gabriel Leonte**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat
- **Mr. Gerard Patrick Rodrigues**, Director, Cargo Operations, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
- **Prof. D.Sc. Econ., Yury A. Shcherbanin**, Chief, Laboratory of Analysis and Forecasting of Transport - Logistics Systems Institute of Economic Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee/tea break**

11:00 - 12:30 **Module III – Continued**

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 - 15.30 **Module IV – Processing of Freight: Policies for Control, Clearance and Transit**

Objectives:

- Present ways and methodologies of how to further improve and further streamline border control and customs clearance policies and processes as well as compliance and enforcement procedures
- Discuss Customs transit regimes such as TIR, the EU's Community/ Common Transit system and other regional transit guarantee regimes
- Questions & Answers

Trainer:

- **Mr. Erik Willems**, TIR Secretariat, Transport Division, UNECE

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee/tea break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Module IV – Continued**

17.00 **End of day II**

Sunday, 22 July 2012

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Monday, 23 July 2012

09.00 – 10.30 Module V – Balancing Security with Trade and Transport Facilitation and Developing Partnerships with Private Industry

Objectives:

- Provide a better understanding of the need to facilitate legitimate trade while ensuring border agencies meet their regulatory responsibilities
- Examine methods for facilitating trade and establishing partnerships between trade and government
- Discuss the need to adopt a comprehensive and integrated “whole of government” approach to border crossing point management methods and policy development
- Questions & Answers

Trainer:

- **Mr. Gerard Patrick Rodrigues**, Director, Cargo Operations, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:00 – 12:30 Module V – continued

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 Module VI – Risk Management and Selectivity

Objectives:

- Making the case for Customs and other border management agencies for stepping away from traditional transaction-per-transaction document checks and physical inspection techniques and instead adopt an intelligence led, risk-based management approach
- To examine and assess the nature of Customs risk, describe the risk management process incl. risk analysis, profiling and selectivity methods and explain how to design and implement a risk management strategy using specific examples and case studies.
- Questions & Answers

Trainer:

- **Mr. Gerard Patrick Rodrigues**, Director, Cargo Operations, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00 – 17:00 **Module VI – Continued**

17.00 **End of day III**

Tuesday, 24 July 2012

09.00 – 10.30 **Module VII – Use of Information and Communication Technology and Non-Intrusive Inspection**

Objectives:

- Discuss and explain the increasing role of ICT and non-intrusive inspection methods in modern border management and examine the international environment in terms of regulations and standards
- Introduce the WCO Data Model, the Single E-Window and other data technologies available today and identify the main elements of a strategy for automating border management
- Questions & Answers

Trainers:

- **Mr. Dmitry Godunov**, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Mr. Gerard Patrick Rodrigues**, Director, Cargo Operations, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee/tea break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Module VII – continued**

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00 – 15.30 **Module VIII – Measuring Border Agencies' Performance: Possibilities for Benchmarking**

Objectives:

- To provide a better understanding of what benchmarking is and the importance of measuring the performance of border agencies.
- Provide an overview of available benchmarking methodologies including data collection and analysis.
- Provide an understanding of the importance of data and information in decision making and continuous improvement
- Questions & Answers

Trainer:

- **Mr. Gerard Patrick Rodrigues**, Director, Cargo Operations, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee/tea break**

16.00 - 17.00 **Recommendations, feed-back from participants, identification of next steps**

17.00 **End of day IV**

Wednesday, 25 July 2012

Study/field trip to the Tajik-Afghan border at Nizhny Panj

#	Time	Activities
1	8:00	Pick up participants/experts at the hotel
2	11:00	Arriving to Nizhny Panj
3	11:00-13:00	Visit to: i) Border Crossing Point facilities, ii) Administrative building of Customs and Border Guards and iii) Bridge on the Tajik side Meetings & discussions with relevant border officials
4	13:00-14:00	Lunch break
5	14:00-17:00	Return to Dushanbe/ end of Day V