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Experience-Sharing Workshop on Implementation of the Customs Valuation Agreement (CVA), and
Ensuring that the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) supports implementation of the CVA including Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Geneva, 14 February

Programme

Welcoming remarks	
10:00 – 10:15	Mr Yuichiro Okumura, Chairperson, Customs Valuation Committee
Implementation challenges, with a focus on least developed countries (LDCs)	
10:15 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges in customs valuation and the application of the Customs Valuation Agreement? • In the absence of transaction value how is value determined? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Essorezam AGNIBA, ECOWAS Secretariat</i> ▪ <i>Mr Idrissa Bana MAÏGA, Director of Facilitation and Partnership with Enterprise, General Directorate of Customs, Mali</i> ▪ <i>Mr DIA Mouhamadou, Head of the Office of Origin and Value, General Directorate of Customs, Senegal</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Messan KUASSIVI, Director of Studies and Legislation, Revenue Authority, Togo</i>
Customs cooperation; risk management	
11:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What elements need to be in place to increase customs cooperation among Members, e.g. legal aspects, procedures to respond, confidentiality? • What are the most challenging aspects of customs cooperation for Members? • What measures have been taken by Members to strengthen their customs cooperation with other countries? • How can the TFA provisions on Customs Cooperation support the implementation of the CVA? • How is risk management undertaken when considering the declared value? What has been the experience in the application of the Decision Regarding Cases where Customs Administrations have Reasons to Doubt the Truth or Accuracy of the Declared Value? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Radu HURJU, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, EU</i> ▪ <i>Mrs. Corina COJOCARU, Economic Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Moldova</i> ▪ <i>Mr Tajudeen OLANREWAJU, Customs Expert, Nigeria</i>
Domestic legislation and transparency	
12:00 – 12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How important are legislative notifications as a building block for implementation of the CVA?</i> • <i>What are some potential challenges that hinder Members from making their legislative notifications?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What support is available to assist Members to make their legislative notifications?</i> • <i>What is the relationship between the TFA provisions on transparency and customs valuation legislative notifications?</i> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Roy LAGOLAGO, Head of Secretariat, Oceania Customs Organization</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Stephen FEVRIER, Head, Permanent Delegation of the OECS</i> ▪ <i>Ms Christina KOPITOPOULOS, USTR Director for Customs and Trade Affairs, US</i>
Consultations with the private sector	
14:15 – 15:15	<p>The CVA is based on having a relationship between customs and the private sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of customs valuation, what are the benefits of having an informed and engaged private sector? • What are the challenges to building a relationship with the private sector? • What is the role of industry groups to help raise the compliance level of the private sector, including MSMEs? • How can TFA consultation provisions assist customs to develop a relationship with the private sector? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr. Guzmán MAÑES PIÑEIRO, Audit Division, National Customs Directorate, Uruguay</i> ▪ <i>Mrs Hoa NGUYEN, General Department of Customs, Viet Nam</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Arnaud FENDLER, Representative, International Chambers of Commerce</i>
Support for overcoming implementation challenges– identifying what support is required and what are the most effective means of sourcing this support	
15:15 – 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to ensure that the CVA capitalizes on TFA implementation to deliver greater benefits for LDCs? • How can TFA capacity building and technical assistance support be leveraged for greater impact for LDCs, including in respect of customs valuation? • Can the National Committee on Trade Facilitation be harnessed to strengthen the implementation of the CVA? • Based on Members' experience, what effective means of building capacity to implement the CVA have been identified? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Adama NANA, Director of Legislation and Regulations, General Directorate of Customs, Burkina Faso</i> ▪ <i>Ms. LIN Qianyu, Deputy Director, Division of Duty Collection, Shenzhen Customs, General Administration of Customs of China</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Yusuke INOUE, Section Chief, International Negotiations Division Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance</i> ▪ <i>Mr LIU Ping, Director of Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</i> ▪ <i>Mr John MALONE, Senior Customs Expert</i>

Identify possible next steps	
16:45 to 17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What lessons have Members learned that will strengthen the implementation of the CVA? • What actors can provide support in identifying and carrying out next steps? • What are the next steps to be taken by the Committee on Customs Valuation? <p>Panel Discussion (panelists tbc)</p>
Concluding remarks	
	Mr Yuichiro Okumura, Chairperson, Customs Valuation Committee