

REGIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE - TRADE AND INTEGRATION NETWORK

Designing and Implementing Single Windows in the Caribbean: Good Practices and International Standards

Caribbean Sub-Regional Meeting of the Inter-American Network of International Trade Single Windows (Red VUCE) held in collaboration with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago

Preliminary Agenda

APRIL 9-10, 2015

HYATT REGENCY, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The **Regional Policy Dialogue** is an IDB initiative that seeks to create a space for the exchange of experiences and to reflect upon important policy issues and the identification of cooperation opportunities among countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The **Trade and Integration Network** is comprised of high-level government officials responsible for trade and integration policy in Latin America and the Caribbean. The network conducts annual meetings with the objective of providing a forum for discussion and knowledge sharing between the main policymakers of the region and Bank's specialists in key topics related to regional trade and integration.

The sub-regional (Caribbean) meeting of the Trade and Integration Network will focus on International Trade Single Windows, providing an opportunity for the first sub-regional meeting of the **Inter-American Network of International Trade Single Windows (Red VUCE)**. The Network is an initiative of countries seeking to foster the use of single windows as a trade facilitation and control tool, optimizing the time and reducing the costs associated with international trade while at the same time ensuring the efficient collection of revenues and providing security along the supply chain. Red VUCE provides opportunities to model national initiatives according to international standards, recommendations and good practices. In addition, Red VUCE takes advantage of synergies with regional initiatives, sub-regional integration processes, and initiatives of governments or international agencies and bodies.

The goal of the meeting is to promote discussion among countries, transfer knowledge and good practices on the implementation of national single window projects outside of the region, and identify the steps needed to prepare for future interoperability, while most of the countries in the region are in the design stage. In addition, linkages to transport logistics systems will be explored, given the role of the region as a shipping hub and the predominance of port-cleared goods entering and exiting the countries.

Thursday, April 9, 2015

8:30 – 9:00	Registration of Participants
9:00 – 9:30	Welcoming Remarks
	<p><i>Gerard Johnson</i>, General Manager, Caribbean Country Department (IDB) <i>Norris Herbert</i>, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Trade, Industry, Investment and Communications (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>
9:30 – 10:45	Designing and Implementing Single Windows – Experiences from Chile, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago
	<p>This session will feature good practices and lessons learned in the design and implementation of national Single Windows in Chile, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago. In particular, this session will focus on challenges faced with respect to institutional coordination, good governance and designing technological platforms of Single Windows.</p> <p><i>Barbara Matamala</i>, Director of Electronic Single Window (SICEX), Ministry of Finance (Chile) <i>Javier Anaya</i>, Deputy Director General for Export Control, Secretariat of Economy (Mexico)* <i>Randall Karim</i>, Director of Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Trade and Industry (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Dialogue among countries
12:30– 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:00	Creating Interoperability of Single Windows
	<p>The session will highlight the experience of ASEAN countries in data harmonization and of the Pacific Alliance countries in creating interoperability for their Single Windows. In addition, this session will focus on concrete steps for countries currently in the design phase, and the way in which interoperability can contribute to greater economic integration in the Caribbean.</p> <p><i>Rachid Benjelloun</i>, Managing Director, Trade Facilitation, Nathan Associates <i>Javier Anaya</i>, Deputy Director General for Export Control, Secretariat of Economy (Mexico) <i>Cecilia Valenzuela</i>, Consultant (IDB)</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:15	Dialogue among countries
16:15 – 17:30	Understanding the Status of Implementation of Single Windows in the Caribbean
	<p>This Dialogue session will provide an opportunity to hear from the country participants on the status of implementation of national Single Windows, lessons learned from these experiences, and perspectives on the challenges ahead.</p>
17:30	Reception

*To be confirmed.

Friday, April 10, 2015

8:45 – 9:20	Realizing the Private Sector’s Single Window Objectives <p>This session will address the private sector’s priorities for the design and implementation of Single Windows in the region. Specifically, it will provide recommendations and single out those trade facilitation priorities with the greatest impact on trade flows, and how these priorities can be gradually incorporated into Single Window solutions.</p> <p><i>Frank Santeiro</i>, Managing Director of Customs and Trade, FedEx Express Latin America and the Caribbean <i>Roger Hinds</i>, Group A Chairman, Caribbean Shipping Association (Jamaica) <i>Nicolas Rostant</i>, President, Customs Brokers and Clerks Association (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>
9:20 – 9:50	Dialogue among countries
	Working Coffee Break
9:50 – 10:30	Linking Single Windows to Port Community Systems <p>This session will present the principal logistics challenges in the Caribbean, from the point of view of the shipping sector. In addition, it will discuss the next generation Single Windows, with strong linkages to Port Community Systems.</p> <p><i>Gerard Bergasse</i>, Inter Island Business Development Manager, Tropical Shipping (St. Lucia) <i>Carolina Navarro</i>, R&D&i Project Manager, Valenciaport Foundation (Spain) <i>Dwain Powell</i>, Project Manager for Port Community System, Port Authority (Jamaica)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Dialogue among countries
11:00 – 11:15	Identifying Technical Assistance and Financing for Single Windows <p>This session will discuss briefly the Bank’s instruments for supporting Single Windows, both financial and non-financial. In addition, this session will also present a new financing mechanism developed by the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID).</p> <p><i>Carolyn Robert</i>, Lead Specialist, Integration and Trade Sector (IDB) <i>Jesus Schucry Giacomán Zapata</i>, Coordinator, Mesoamerican Integration and Development Project (AMEXCID)</p>
11:15 – 11:45	Rapporteur’s Summary and Next Steps for the RedVUCE <p><i>Rachid Benjelloun</i>, Managing Director, Trade Facilitation, Nathan Associates <i>Carolyn Robert</i>, Lead Specialist, Integration and Trade Sector (IDB)</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Closing <p><i>Paolo Giordano</i>, Principal Economist, Integration and Trade Sector (IDB) <i>Norris Herbert</i>, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Trade, Industry, Investment and Communications (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>

The Rapporteur for this Regional Policy Dialogue is Rachid Benjelloun, Managing Director, Trade Facilitation, Nathan Associates.