



Trade Facilitation: Critical for COVID – 19 Recovery
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March 25, 2021 at 15.30 – 17:00 CET

- 15:30 – 15:40 Opening Remarks and Introduction
- 15:40 – 15:50 Trade Facilitation - A Shot in the Arm During the Crisis
How trade facilitation has helped countries manage during the pandemic

Speaker: Sheri Rosenow, WTO Secretariat
- 15:50 – 16:00 Measures Taken to Cope During the Pandemic
TFA reforms, acceleration of ASYCUDA, supporting the economy and protecting society

Speaker: Dr. Edward H. Sandy, Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Sierra Leone
- 16:00 – 16:10 COVID Challenges and Response in the Pacific Region
Humanitarian Pathway, vaccine rollout, outlook for the region.

Speaker: Mere Falemaka, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- 16:10 – 16:20 Distribution of Vaccines to Developing, LDC, and SIDS
Challenges in efficient delivery of vaccines, benefits of facilitating trade, last mile delivery

Speaker: Steven Pope, DHL
- 16:20 – 16:30 Global Issues and Challenges of TFA Implementation Assistance during COVID
Global trends, responses, and sustainability

Speaker: Bill Gain, World Bank Group
- 16:30 – 16.35 How can Donors Support COVID-19 Recovery through more TFA Implementation?

Speaker: Sacha Silva, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom in Geneva
- 16:35 – 17:00 Round of Questions for Speakers