

RETHINKING TRADE FACILITATION

A new approach to public-private cooperation

Alliance for Trade Facilitation High-Level Forum

Monday, 9th September 2019 | Museum for Communication in Berlin

International trade is a driver of prosperity and development. Removing trade barriers is therefore in the common interest of business and governments. In order to make international trade in goods more transparent and simpler, the member states of the World Trade Organization (WTO) concluded an agreement on trade facilitation in 2013.

The Alliance for Trade Facilitation is committed to implementing the agreement together with governments and business. The Alliance develops its projects on the initiative of and in direct consultation with companies and business associations and moderates an international public-private dialogue across borders. The Alliance implements the global agreement locally.

How can governments and companies work together to make trade and customs processes even more transparent and efficient?

Together with high-ranking guests from government and business, we would like to discuss these and other questions at the High-Level Forum "Rethinking Trade Facilitation" of the Alliance for Trade Facilitation on September 9, 2019.



Framework Monday, September 9, 2019 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm (registration from 3.30pm), then networking event with open end at the Museum for Communication, Leipziger Str. 16, 10117 Berlin.

Speakers

Norbert Barthle, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Dr. Christian Forwick, Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Dr. Stefan Mair, Member of the Executive Board, Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e. V. (Federation of German Industries)

Dr. Thomas Ogilvie, Member of the Management Board Deutsche Post DHL Group

Stojanka Milosevic, Head of Department at Montenegrin Customs

Denys Gutenko, Acting Commissioner of State Fiscal Service, Ukraine

Alejandro Gamboa-Alder, Secretary of the WTO Council for Trade in Goods

Moderator: Natasha Walker

Guests Guests from companies, associations, the Federal Government and partner governments

Format *Davos-Style*: Introductory keynotes, then interactive, moderated dialogue between panelists and audience. Afterwards: Networking event with information booths on the Alliance for Trade Facilitation. The event will be held in English.

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AGENDA

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Time	Content	Speakers
16:00	Welcome and Keynote Speech Topic: The Importance of Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Development	Norbert Barthle, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
16:15	Welcome and Keynote Speech Topic: The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and removing Trade Barriers from the Private Sector Perspective	Dr. Christian Forwick, Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
16:30	Keynote Speech Topic: The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and removing Trade Barriers from the Private Sector Perspective	Dr. Thomas Ogilvie, Member of the Management Board Deutsche Post DHL Group
16:45	Panel discussion "Davos-Style" Interactive, moderated dialogue between panelists and audience Topic: RETHINKING TRADE FACILITATION - A new approach to public-private cooperation Cluster 1: Non-Tariff Trade Barriers Cluster 2: The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Cluster 3: Multi-Actor Partnerships Cluster 4: Digital Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Thomas Ogilvie, Member of the Management Board Deutsche Post DHL Group• Dr. Stefan Mair, Member of the Executive Board, Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e. V. (Federation of German Industries)• Stojanka Milosevic, Head of Department at Montenegrin Customs• Denys Gutenko, Acting Commissioner of State Fiscal Service, Ukraine• Alejandro Gamboa-Alder, Secretary of the WTO Council for Trade in Goods
18:30	Networking event Exchange and information booths on the Alliance for Trade Facilitation	