**Office of the Vice-Chair of the World Customs Organization for the**

**West and Central Africa Region**

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**29th CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS**

**GENERAL OF CUSTOMS**

**Theme: “Nurturing the next generation by promoting a culture of knowledge- sharing and professional pride in Customs”**

Gambia, 4 – 5 May 2023

**DRAFT AGENDA**

Day1: Thursday 4 May 2023

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| Serial | Time | Event | Document Number | Speakers |
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| 1 | OPENING CEREMONY |
| 1a.1b.1c.1d.1e. | 9.00 -9.10hrs9-10-9.209.20-9.309.30-9.409.40-9.50 | Welcome remarks from the CG, Gambia Revenue AuthorityStatement by the WCO-WCA Vice ChairOpening remarks by the Secretary-General of the WCOAddress by the Gambia’s Minister of Finance & Economic AffairsOpening address by His Excellency Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of the Gambia |  | Commissioner GeneralVice ChairWCO SGMinister President |

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| 2 9.50-10.20 Photo Session & Cocktail  |

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| 3 | OPENING SESSION | Document Number | Speakers |
| 3a. | 10.20-10.3010.30-10.3510.35-10.45 | Presentation of members of the Bureau |  | Vice-Chair |
| 3b. | Constitution of the team of rapporteurs |  | Vice-Chair |
| 3c. | Review and adoption of the agenda |  | Vice-Chair |

**Items << 4 ,5,6, 7,8,and 9>>**

**Items for information, status reports to be noted or items presented for approval of the DGs.**

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| 4 | PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITY REPORTS | Document Number | Speakers |
| 4a.4b.4c. | 10.45-10.55 | Mission, Vision and Theme for the WCA 2023 Strategic Plan | NOVC.4A | ROCB |
| 10.55-11.10 | Discussions/Recommendations | NOVC.4b | Participants |
| 11.10-11.25 | Report of Activities in WCO-WCA | SGDM4c | WCO Secretariat |
| 4d | 11.25-11.40 | Report of Activities of Vice-Chair | NOVC.4d | OVC Secretariat |
| 5 GENERAL POLICY ISSUES |
| 5a. | 11-40-11.55 | Presentation of the Evaluations and Implementation Status of the Recommendations of the 28th WCA- DGs Conference  | NOVC.5a | Vice-Chair |
| 5b. | 11.55 – 12.10 | Discussions  |  |  |
| 5c. | 12.10-12.30 | The 2022 Regional Strategic Plan  Review report | NOVC.5c | ROCB |
| 5d. | 12.30-12.45 | Discussions / Recommendations |  | Participants |
| 5e. | 12.45-13.35 | Status of the Regional Structures / Entities |  |  WCA Managers |
| 5f | 13.35-14:35  | Break and Lunch |  |  |
| 6 Governance Issues |
| 6a. | 14.35-14.50 | Issues on Donor Conference for WCO-WCA | NOVC.6a | Office of the Vice Chair |
| 7a.7b. | 14.50-15.0515.05-15.20 | Presentation by the Director General of Customs of Cameroon  | NOVC.7a | Cameroon |
| Presentation on WCO Global Conference on Fragile Borders: Way Forward for the WCO-WCA Region | NOVC.7b | Nigeria  |
| 8 Presentation by Development Partners |
| 8a.8b.8c.8d.8e. | 15.20 – 15.3515.35 - 15.4515.45 - 15.5515.55 - 16.10 16.10-16.25 | * Presentation of WCO Anti-Corruption and Integrity Programme Funded by Norway
* Presentation from UNCTAD
* Presentation from AFRITAC WEST II
* Presentation by WCO/JICA Joint Project
* Presentation by IMPACCT
 | SGDM8a | WCO SecretariatUNCTADAFRITAC WEST IIWCO SecretariatIMPACCT |
| 9.  Presentation of Activity Reports |
| 9a. | 16.25 - 16.40 | Report on Activities of RILO-WCA  | NOVC.9a | RILO WCARILO  |
| 9b. | 16.40 - 16.55  | Update of Operation CRIPHAM & ALAMBA-3 | NOVC.9b | RILO |
| 9c. | 16.55 – 17.00 | Report of activities of RTCs | NOVC.9c | RTCs |
| 9d. | 17.00 – 17.15 | Report of activities of ROCB | NOVC.9d | ROCB |

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|  **19.30 DGs’ Dinner At Coco Ocean**Buffet, entertainment, and presentations(Will include remarks from the CG, Vice Chair and SG) |

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|  **NOTE:****A COCKTAIL WILL BE HELD TO WELCOME THE DGs ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023****19.30 DGs’ Welcome Cocktail @ African Princess Hotel** |

**Day 2:** Friday 5 May 2023

**Items << 10,11,12, 13,14,15,>>**

**Questions requiring exchange of views and guidance or approval/adoption by the Directors General.**

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| 10. BUDGETARY FINANCIAL ISSUES  No  |
| 10a. | 9.00-9.07 | Fund Managers report on fund utilization and contributions  | NOVC.10a | Fund Manager  |
| 10b. | 9.07-9.15 | Discussions  |  | Participants  |
| 10c. | 9.15-9.35 | Finance Committee Reports:* Financial Statements 2022.
* Budget 2023.
* WCO-WCA Contributions status
* Update in the proposed increase of WCO contributions 2023-24
 | NOVC.10c | Chairperson, Finance Committee |
| 10d. | 9.35-9.55 | Discussions  |  | Participants  |
| 10e. | 9.55-10.15 | Audit Committee Reports:* Annual audit of the Regional Fund and Financial Statements 2022.
* Special Audit of the Regional Structures
 | NOVC.10e | Chairperson, Audit Committee |
| 10f. | 10.15-10.35 | Discussions  |  | Participants  |
| 11. OPERATIONAL ISSUES |
| 11a.11b. | 10.35-10.4510.45-11.00 | Presentation of HR Management Strategies on Competency based and Well Being of Customs Administrations in the Region. | NOVC.11a | ROCB-WCA  |
| Regional Initiative to Build Up and Transfer Knowledge to Next Generation of Customs in the Region | NOVC.11b | ROCB-WCA |
| 11c. | 11.00-11.15 | Tea Break |  |  |

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| 12 | CLOSED DOOR SESSION FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION  | Doc No | Speakers |
| 12a. | 11.15-11.30 | Report and Comment on December Policy Commission, 2022 | NOVC.12a | DGs |
| 12b. | 11.30-11.45 | Address by Candidates for SG election:* Mr Ian Saunders, USA
* Mr Amer Suwaid, Iraq
* Mr Philip Kokou Tchodie, Togo
 |  | Candidates |
| 12c. | 11.45-11.55 | Consultation for Election of SG |  | OVC |
| 12d. | 11.55-12.20 | Position of the WCA Region at the WCO Council Session | NOVC.12b | DGs |
| Discussion |  | DGs |
| 12e. | 12.20-12.40 | Date & Place of Next Statutory WCA Regional activities:* DGs Conference
* National Correspondents Meeting for RILOs
* Contact Point Meeting for ROCB
* Training and Human Research Managers
* Budgetary meeting of Finance Committee
* Regional Working Group on ICT
* Experts Meeting

Appointment of Director ROCBAppointment Finance members & Chair Appointment Audit members & Chair  |  | DGs |
| 13a. | 12.40-13-20 | Review of the Main Observations and Adoption of the Recommendations of the 29th Conference of DGs  | DGCWCA.14 | Rapporteurs |
| 14a | 13.20-13.40 | Presentation of the Report of the Closed Session | DGCWCA.15a |  |
| 14e. | 13.40-14.40 | Lunch Break |  |  |

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| 15 | CLOSING OF THE MEETING: | Doc No | Speakers |
| 15a.15b. | 14.40- 15.1015.10-15.25 | Reading of the Final Report | DGCWCA.16a | Rapporteurs |
| Closing Speech by CG, Gambia Revenue Authority |  | Commissioner General |
| 15c. | 15.25-15.40 | Closing Speech by the Vice Chair-WCA |  | VC-WCA |