

**CUSTOMS CONTROL OF TRADE IN CITES LISTED SPECIES**  
**TRENDS, TECHNOLOGIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED TRADE AND REGULATORY CONTROL**

(23 -25 May 2018, University of Gibraltar)

**DRAFT AGENDA**

DATE	TOPIC	TIME SLOT	CONTENT/PRESENTERS/MODERATORS
<b>Monday, 28 May 2018</b>	Arrival of participants		Arrival in UK/Gibraltar or Malaga/Spain + transfer to UK/Gibraltar Check-in the Rock Hotel
<b>Tuesday, 29 May 2018</b>	Opening Remarks	09.30h - 10.15h	Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. John Cortes, Minister with responsibility for Education, Heritage, Environment, Energy and Climate Change (tbc)</li> <li>• Prof. Daniella Tilbury, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gibraltar</li> <li>• Mr. John Rodriguez, Comptroller of Customs, Customs Department Gibraltar</li> <li>• Mr. Mathias Lörtscher, Head of CITES Management Authority of Switzerland, Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office</li> <li>• Mr. Markus Pikart, UNEP / CITES Secretariat</li> </ul>
	Introduction	10.15h - 10.30h	Address by the Workshop leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline of the day</li> <li>• Key topics to be covered</li> </ul>
	Trends and policy agendas in the Customs environment	10.30h - 11.00h	Guest Speakers and Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An insight into the changes in the Customs environment</li> <li>• How can Customs agencies work collaboratively to improve the efficiency of control of trade in CITES listed species?</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. J. Rodriguez, Comptroller of Customs (tbc), Mr. Constantin Ciuta, UNCTAD Senior Customs Adviser</i></p>

		Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)
Coffee Break	11.00h - 11.30h	
eCITES: Supporting management authorities in the automation of their CITES permit process	11.30h - 12.30h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking stock of existing CITES standard and tools for electronic permit processing</li> <li>• Latest work of the CITES Working Group on electronic systems</li> <li>• Expectations of Management Authorities on eCITES implementation</li> <li>• Electronic Permit Information Exchange: Concepts and state of pilots</li> <li>• Looking ahead: Upcoming technologies and trends</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat, Mr. M. Loertscher, Chair of the CITES Working Group on electronic Systems</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)</p>
Coordinated border controls - International recommendations and best practice	12.30h - 13.00h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the trends in Customs and security globally and regionally?</li> <li>• International recommendations and best practice</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: WCO (tbc)</i> <i>H.M. Customs Department (tbc)</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)</p>
Lunch Break	13.00h - 14.30h	
CITES-related Customs clearance procedures in practice	14.30h - 15.00h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CITES-related Customs clearance procedures</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: (tbd)</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)</p> <p><b>Study visit to one Customs office.</b></p>
End of Session	17.00h	

<b>Wednesday, 30 May 2018</b>	Overview of the previous day	09.30h - 10.00h	Address by the Workshop leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline to the day</li> <li>• Key topics to be covered</li> </ul>
	Collaboration of Customs with other Government agencies	10.00h - 10.30h	Guest Speakers and Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizational and technical aspects. Multi-agency risk-management.</li> <li>• Single Window, platform for efficient import and export control procedures.</li> </ul> <i>Speakers: (tbd)</i> Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)
	Known obstacles for CITES integration into Customs control	10.30h - 11.00h	Guest Speakers and Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS nomenclature vs. CITES nomenclature.</li> <li>• Definition and integration of CITES related non-tariff measures.</li> </ul> <i>Speakers: (tbd)</i> Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)
	Coffee Break	11.00h - 11.30h	
	Automated and simplified border control procedures	11.30h - 12.00h	Guest Speakers and Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the automated and simplified border procedures relevant for control of trade in CITES listed species?</li> <li>• How they affect the trade?</li> </ul> <i>Speakers: WCO (tbc)</i> Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)
	Risk-management systems and targeted inspections	12.00h - 12.30h	Guest Speakers and Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the automated and simplified border procedures relevant for control of trade in CITES listed species? How they affect the trade?</li> <li>• How is e-Commerce changing the Customs environment and, in particular, control of trade in CITES listed species?</li> </ul> <i>Speakers: (tbd)</i> Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)

Automation of CITES permit process – Status/experiences of participating countries	12.30h - 13.00h	Speakers from each participating country, presentations and open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)
Lunch Break	13.00h - 14.30h	
Automation of CITES permit process – Status/experiences of participating countries (cont.)	14.30h - 15.30h	Speakers from each participating country, presentations and open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)
ACITES – A solution for electronic CITES Permit Management	15.30h - 17.00h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of ACITES solution.</li> <li>• Live demo.</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. M. Pikart, Mr. C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)</p>
End of Session	17.00h	

<b>Thursday, 31 May 2018</b>	Overview of the previous day	09.30h - 10.00h	<p>Address by the Workshop leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline to the day</li> <li>• Key topics to be covered</li> </ul>
	ACITES – A solution for electronic CITES Permit Management (cont.)	10.00h - 11.00h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation solutions</li> <li>• Complementary solutions (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. M. Pikart, Mr. C. Ciuta, (tbd)</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)</p>
	Coffee Break	11.00h - 11.30h	
	ACITES Technical Assistance Project	11.30h - 13.00h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of a standard Technical Assistance (TA) Project</li> <li>• Procedure, options, cost estimations etc.</li> </ul>

			<p><i>Speakers: Mr. M. Pikart, Mr. N. Popa, UNCTAD ASYCUDA Centre of Excellence</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by a Moderator (tbc)</p>
	Lunch Break	13.00h - 14.30h	
	Overview of Workshop	14.30h - 15.30h	<p>Address by the Workshop leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of lessons learnt</li> <li>• What we need to do next</li> </ul>
	Closure of the meeting	15:30h	