



**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON NORTHERN CORRIDOR TRANSPORT AND  
TRADE FACILITATION:**

**THEME: Towards Reducing the Cost of Doing Business**

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**29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009**

**Sarova WhiteSands Hotel & Spa, Mombasa, KENYA**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:**

29 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009	
0800-2300hrs	Delegates arrive in Mombasa, Kenya
DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 30 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009	
0815 - 0845hrs:	Registration
0845 -1030hrs:	<p><b><u>Opening Session – Chair of the Session – Hon. Ali Mwakwere, Minister for Transport, Kenya</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks by Mr. James Mulewa – Managing Director, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)</li> <li>• Remarks by Mr. Godfrey Onyango – Executive Secretary, Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA)</li> <li>• Remarks by Chairman, East African Business Council (EABC)</li> <li>• Remarks by Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA</li> <li>• Remarks by Dr. Tomaz Salomao, Executive Secretary, SADC.</li> <li>• Remarks by Amb. Juma V. Mwapachu – Secretary General, East African Community (EAC)</li> <li>• Address by Hon. Amb. Chirau Ali Mwakwere, Chairman, NCTTCA Council of Ministers and Minister for Transport, Kenya</li> <li>• <b>Key Note Address &amp; Official Opening –</b></li> <li>• Vote of Thanks – Mr. Otieno Igogo, President, Federation of Eastern Africa Freight Forwarding Associations (FEAFFA)</li> </ul>
1030 – 1100 hrs:	<b>Group Photograph, Press Conference &amp; Health Break.</b>
1100 -1300 hrs:	<b>Tour of the Port of Mombasa</b>



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1300 - 1400 hrs	Lunch Break
<b>SESSION I – PROMOTING COMPETITIVENESS: THE PERSPECTIVE OF BUSINESS</b> <i>Chair of the Session – Hon. Amos Kimunya, Minister for Trade, Kenya</i>	
1400 – 1415 hrs	Impact of Poor Transport and Trade Facilitation on Overall Competitiveness and Doing Business in East Africa: What can be done differently? - <b>EABC</b>
1415 – 1435 hrs	Impact of Existing Transit/Transport Regimes on Exports: Experiences from the Cotton & Coffee sectors <b>Presentations by African Cotton and Textiles Industries Federation (ACTIF) and Eastern African Fine Coffees Association (EAFCA)</b>
1435- 1455 hrs	The Cost of Doing Business and main policy areas for redress: – (to include examples from various sectors like the cotton industry, agricultural produce, textile etc) - <b>Kenya Shippers Council</b>
1455 - 1535 hrs	Interactive plenary session - <b>Facilitator</b>
1535 – 1550 hrs	Summary of key action points from Session I - <b>Facilitator</b>
1550 - 1610 hrs	Health Break
<b>SESSION II: - SERVICE DELIVERY IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD</b> <i>Chair of Session – Hon. Linda Bihire, Minister of Infrastructure, Rwanda</i>	
1610-1635 hrs	Overview of issues relating to the Mombasa Port Operations and the Transport Infrastructure System along the Northern Corridor - <b>Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority</b>
1635 – 1650 hrs	The Role of Kenya Ports Authority in Trade Facilitation – <b>Kenya Ports Authority</b>
1650-1710 hrs	The impact of anticipated Regulatory improvement in the Maritime Sector on the Cost of doing Business - <b>Kenya Maritime</b>



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	<b>Authority</b>
1710 – 1720 hrs	Awakening the Railways: What is Required?– <b>Kenya and Uganda Railways and RVR</b>
1720- 1730 hrs	Protecting the Roads: Sustainable Approaches to Overload Control and Weighbridge Management - <b>Ministry of Roads, Kenya and Kenya Transport Association</b>
1730 – 1740 hrs	Reducing the Cost of Transporting Fuel – <b>Kenya Pipeline Corporation</b>
1740 - 1815 hrs	Interactive plenary session - <b>Facilitator</b>
1815-1830 hrs	Summary of key action points from Session II - <b>Facilitator</b>
1900 - 2100 hrs:	<b>Cocktail</b>
<b>DAY 2: THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2009</b>	
<b><u>SESSION III: - ELIMINATING NON TARIFF BARRIERS ALONG THE CORRIDOR</u></b> <i>Chair of Session – Hon. John M Nasasira, Minister for Works &amp; Transport, Uganda</i>	
0830 – 0850 hrs	Customs Administrative measures and Border Crossing – to include one border stops & cross border procedures, ICT use in Customs, pre-clearing of goods, customs documentation, 'away from port clearance', among others – <b>FEAFFA</b>
0850 – 0910 hrs	Challenging the Challenger – What are the problems attributable to the private sector players themselves – Corruption, understanding of the procedures, lack of capacity etc – <b>Kenya Revenue Authority/Uganda Revenue Authority</b>
0910 – 0930 hrs	Towards a Fully Fledged EAC Customs Union - Actualising the EAC Time-Bound Programme for Elimination of Identified Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBS) – <b>EAC Secretariat</b>
0930 – 1015 hrs	Interactive plenary session - <b>Facilitator</b>



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1015 – 1030 hrs	Summary of key action points from Session III - <b>Facilitator</b>
1030 - 1100 hrs	<b>Health Break</b>
<p><b>SESSION IV: REGIONAL TRADE &amp; TRANSPORT: AGREEMENTS / INSTRUMENTS:</b> <i>Chair of Session – Hon. Hafsa Mosi, Minister for East African Community, Burundi</i></p>	
1100-1120 hrs	Is the Region Complying to International Conventions on Trade and Transit Facilitation? – <b>World Customs Organization / NCTTCA</b>
1120-1140 hrs	Accelerating the Implementation of Regional Trade & Transit Facilitation Instruments – (Bond Guarantees, COMESA Yellow Card, Transit Documents CD-Com; COMESA Carrier License & Road Users Charges and EA Customs Management Act) – <b>EAC &amp; COMESA Secretariats</b>
1140 – 1200 hrs	The Role of Insurance Institutions in Promoting Trade and Transit Facilitation – <b>Uganda Insurance Association</b>
1200 – 1245 hrs	Interactive plenary session - <b>Facilitator</b>
1245-1300 hrs	Summary of key action points from Session IV - <b>Facilitator</b>
1300– 1430 hrs:	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<p><b>SESSION V: THE WAY FORWARD &amp; ACTION PLAN:</b> <i>Chair of Session – Hon. Jeffa Amason Kingi, Minister for East African Community, Kenya</i></p>	
1430 – 1530 hrs	Presentation and Adoption of the Summary of the proceedings and the main policy recommendations. Presented by the Facilitator
1530 - 1600 hrs	<b>Health Break</b>



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<b>SESSION VI: CLOSING SESSION:</b> <i>Chair of Session – Chirau Ali Mwakwere, Minister for Transport, Kenya</i>	
<b>1600 - 1700 hrs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading of the Conference Resolutions - Deputy Secretary General, Planning &amp; Infrastructure, EAC Secretariat</li><li>• Vice Chairman – EABC</li><li>• Statement by Representative of co-operating partners</li><li>• Minister for Transport &amp; Communication, DRC</li><li>• Minister for Transport, Posts &amp; Telecommunication, Burundi</li><li>• Statement by Rt. Hon. Eriya Kategaya, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Community, Uganda</li><li>• Official State Closing.</li></ul>
<b>1700 onwards</b>	<b>End of Conference</b>