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**Trade logistics, transport, trade facilitation and customs automation:
Issues and UNCTAD's role**

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXVI
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome address by Ms. Geneviève Féraud Head of Knowledge Development Branch Session will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Project Coordinator/p166 program	
10:05 - 11:15	Session 1 The importance and relevance of trade logistics and transport to development: Opportunities for Developing Countries Presented by Mr. Jan, Hoffmann, Chief of Section, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics Q&A session	
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 13.00	Session 2 Trade Facilitation and Development: Driving trade competitiveness, border agency effectiveness and strengthened governance Presented by Mr. Jan Hoffmann. Q&A session	

Trade logistics, transport, and trade facilitation: Issues and UNCTAD's role

With the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization now in place, and building on the mandate of UNCTAD in trade and transport logistics, some of the most compelling issues and challenges faced by developing countries in improving their participation in international trade will be addressed. Such issues may affect the different categories of developing countries in various ways, and the challenges before them will vary in nature and scope. Possible responses will depend on a given country's geographical situation, circumstances and stage of development. UNCTAD has actively carried out work under these three pillars as well as over nearly a decade and a half; and has developed analytical and technical assistance capacities and the expertise to understand and deal with some of the key pertinent questions.

This course will include the presentation and discussion of the following topics:

- Current trends in trade logistics and implications for participation in global value chains;
- Emerging and persisting challenges for developing countries: trade and transport security, market-access costs and institutional efficiency;
- The role of technology and innovation in improving trade, transit and transport operations;
- Implementation of trade facilitation reform at the national and regional levels, including the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization;

These issues will also be discussed from the perspective of landlocked developing countries, small-island developing States, countries with economies in transition and the least developed countries.

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