

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Subject/Title	11th ASEM Customs DGs'/Commissioners' Meeting
Date and duration	8th to 9th October, 2015 A preparatory meeting will be held on for action coordinators, speakers, including India on 7 th October, 2015 at 14:30.
City (Country)	Goa, India
Address	The event will be organized in Goa, India, in the Hotel, Cidade De Goa.
Background	<p>The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together the 28 European Union member states, 2 other European countries, and the European Union with 21 Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat. ASEM addresses political, economic and cultural issues, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the two regions. Customs issues play an important part of the ASEM activities. Regular meetings are held at two levels: the Director Generals of customs administrations of the ASEM countries meet once every two years, whilst customs experts meet annually with meetings alternating between Europe and Asia. The 9th Meeting of the ASEM Working Group on Customs Matters (hereinafter "AWC") was hosted by the Belgian Customs and Excise Administration in Liège, Belgium, 17th – 19th June 2015 and the next conference at the level of DGs will take place in Goa, India from 7th to 9th October, 2015.</p> <p>The ASEM activities in the customs area are currently focused on the 2014 - 2015 action plan approved by the Customs DGs in 2013, which sets forth 8 actions focusing on the 5 main priorities of ASEM in the customs field: Trade Facilitation and Supply Chain Security; Combating Infringement on IPR; Protection of Society and Environment; Involving Business and Communication and Visibility.</p> <p>The 8th AWC meeting which took place in Cambodia in March, 2014 started the work on this Customs ASEM Action Plan. The actions are coordinated by teams composed of a European and an Asian Customs authority. The preliminary results of the efforts made towards achieving these actions were presented at the 9th AWC in Liège, Belgium. Following the reporting and evaluation of the developments of the last two years at the 11th DGs' Meeting, delegates will decide on the priorities for the next two years, set in the form of the 2016 - 2017 ASEM Customs Action Plan.</p>

Objectives	<p>The primary objectives of the event are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a meeting for the heads of the customs authorities of ASEM members during which delegates will be informed on the developments of the individual actions pursued over the past two years and evaluate the progress made under the 2014 - 2015 ASEM Customs Action Plan. • Set the priorities for the next two-year period and formally adopt the 2016 - 2017 ASEM Customs Action Plan. • Contribute to the further development of the cooperation among the ASEM members in the field of customs on the basis of the ASEM Customs Action Plan.
Expected outcomes	<p>Short term:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and analyze the progress made on the Vienna action points pursued in the last two years that were adopted in the 10th ASEM Customs Directors General /Commissioners Meeting (Vienna, Austria) • Set the priorities for the next two years in the form of a new 2016 -2017 Action Plan, based on the progress of the 2014 - 2015 Action Plan as well as the proposals put forward on possible future areas of customs cooperation within in the framework of ASEM.
	<p>Long term:</p> <p>Further develop the cooperation of the ASEM members in the Customs area on the basis of a newly-adopted ASEM Customs Action Plan.</p>
Interpretation/ working language	<p>The working language of the meeting will be English. No interpretation shall be provided.</p>
Number and profile of participants	<p>Number of participants</p>
	<p>The number of participants will total approximately 100 overall. Members are requested to limit the size of their delegations to max. 3 participants.</p>
	<p>Profile 1: Customs Director General / Commissioner of the ASEM members</p> <p>Profile 2: Expert for international affairs especially in charge of cooperation within ASEM and / or Expert in the areas covered by the individual actions</p>

Participant preparation	Documentation:
	<p>The main meeting documents (presentations and discussion papers) will be distributed electronically before the event, via the PICS platform (https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/pics/). No paper documents will be provided at the meeting.</p> <p>The final report and the documents from the ASEM DGs' Meeting will be ready by the end of the year. The Indian Customs Administration as the organizer will be responsible for reporting the results of the meeting.</p>
Registration	<p>Each national customs authority is requested to complete the attached Registration Form, providing details of participants, and to send it as soon as possible and by 15th September, 2015 at the latest to the coordinators:</p> <p>Dr. Kavita Bhatnagar: Kavita.Bhatnagar@icegate.gov.in Ms. Zsuzsanna Dákai: Zsuzsanna.Dakai@ec.europa.eu</p>
Accommodation	<p>A contingent of rooms has been reserved from 7th to 9th October 2015 at the Hotel Cidade De Goa, India.</p> <p>By now, delegates should have booked rooms through Hotel Cidade De Goa, India directly, as per the instructions outlined on the event invitation sent by the Chairman, CBEC, India. The deadline for the reservation of rooms is 15th September, 2015. Additional nights can be requested and booked privately.</p>
Information concerning travel	<p>Transportation from the airport to the hotel will be provided by the Indian Customs Administration on the day of arrival, Wednesday 7th October 2015</p>
Social and preparatory events	<p>A preparatory meeting will be held on Wednesday for action coordinators, including India on 7th October, 2015 at 14:30. There will be a cocktail reception in the evening to welcome all delegates.</p> <p>All participants are invited to an official evening reception on Wednesday, 7th October 2015 hosted by the Indian Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>The meeting will conclude on Friday, 9th October 2015 at lunchtime. In the afternoon, delegates will have the opportunity for excursion / sightseeing followed by dinner.</p>

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Additional information:-

1. Registration form
2. Programme of events