



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATIONS

"The World Customs Brokers Organization"

IFCBA MEETING AGENDA and INFORMATION

3-4 June, 2024

WCO Headquarters, rue du Marche, Brussels, Belgium

Notes for Delegates:

You will need to register and receive a visitor badge when you enter the WCO. Please ensure you have official identification and allow enough time for this. Also, please wear the badge at all times in the building.

The meeting will begin promptly at 13:30 on June 3, in Room C-D on level minus-one of the WCO. As you come down the stairs from the lobby (there is also an elevator), it is the room on your left.

At 18:00 Monday evening, there will be a cocktail reception for delegates, registered companions and invited guests at the WCO. Delegates will be on their own for dinner (note that some restaurants in Brussels may be closed on Monday evening; your hotel concierge can help with this).

The meeting will resume at 10:00 on June 4. There will be a break for lunch and the meeting will close by 18:00.

Note that the theme of the World Customs Organization for the year 2024 is **Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose**. IFCBA is a traditional partner of the WCO, with a Memorandum of Understanding and as a member of the Private Sector Consultative Group and we look forward to continuing our engagement, always with purpose. We are honoured to welcome Mr. Ian Saunders, WCO Secretary General, to join us at our meeting. We also have the pleasure of welcoming other distinguished and knowledgeable representatives of the Secretariat, and express our gratitude to the WCO for its support of the meeting.

Monday, June 3, 2024

13:30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
(IFCBA Chairman Shankar Shinde and IFCBA Secretary Carol West)

13:45 Special Guest: Mr. Ian Saunders, Secretary General of the WCO

14:15 The WCO's HS Review – from Singapore 2023 to Brussels 2024
(Presentation of interim report and discussion with Ms. Gael Grooby, Ag. Director of Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate)

Developments on Rules of Origin (discussions may continue the morning of June 4)

15:45 Break

16:15 The WCO Academy and the IFCBA: supporting education and professional development for the private sector through global certification
(Introduced by Carol West, Secretary, IFCBA
Susanne Schwarz, E-learning Coordinator, Capacity Building)

18:00 Cocktail Reception

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

10:00 Rules of Origin (continued, if necessary)

**11:00 The WCO Private Sector Consultative Group – priorities and agenda
(Jaime King, PSCG Chair, IFCBA Director and past Chair)**

11:30 Break

**11:45 Developments in E-Commerce and the Role of Customs Brokers
(WCO Secretariat, led by the team of Brendan O’Hearn, Deputy Director,
Facilitation)**

12:45 Lunch (delegates are on their own)

**14:00 Green Customs
(WCO Secretariat, led by the team of Deputy Director Brendan O’Hearn)**

**Business Resilience
(WCO Secretariat and Jaime King)**

**15:00 IFCBA Board of Directors and Annual General meetings
(note there will be a break at 16:00)**

note: each country will be entitled to 2 votes, cast by their director(s) in person.

Call to Order/Welcome from the Chairman (Shinde)

Recognition of Past Chairs (Shinde)

Approval of the Agenda (Shinde)

Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual and Board of Directors Meetings (Shinde)

Report of the Secretariat (West)

IFCBA Representation at the WCO Private Sector Consultative Group (King)

Financial Matters

- a. Presentation of March 31, 2022 audited financial statements (information only)
- b. Consideration of 2022-23 budget
- c. Consideration of appointment of auditors

Brief country reports on issues of interest and concern (managed by West)

Future Conference

Invitation from Japan Customs Brokers Association (JCBA) for March 2025
(Mr. Seisaku Okafuji, President, Japan Customs Brokers Association)

18:00 Adjournment (Shinde)