

Side event: Technology, Trade and Transparency -

Lessons from other treaty regimes

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Luchtime seminar and workshop on the occasion of the 2012 Meeting of BWC States Parties. Date: 12 December 2012, 13.00-15.00 and 15.00-18.00.

Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

Panelists: Alvaro Fernandez Acebes (WCO), Gunnar Jeremias (HRG), Kai Langemak (HRG), Rossen Popov (INCB), Markie Muryawan (representing UN COMTRADE), Cristina Versino (European Commission – Joint Research Centre)

Provisional agenda:

(Lunchtime session): Availability of trade data and its use in other regimes

13:00-13-15	Welcoming words by the sponsors and the organisers.	
13:15-13:30	Hamburg Research Group: Trade data for transparency and potentials for monitoring Article X.	
13:30-13:45	World Customs Organization: The Harmonized System as a multipurpose instrument.	
13:45-14:05	UN COMTRADE: Basic facts on trade data.	
14:05-14:25	European Joint Research Centre: Trade monitoring for nuclear dual-use items.	
14:25-14:45	International Narcotics Control Board: Trade monitoring for narcotics and precursors.	
14:45-15:00	Discussion	
(Afternoon session): Towards a trade monitoring for the BWC?		

15:00-15:20	Break
15:20-15:45	UN COMTRADE: Introducing the COMTRADE database in detail: Accessibility, readout of information, <i>tariff line</i> data etc.
15:45-16:10	Hamburg Research Group: Analysing trade in growth media for microorganisms. Preliminary results and methodology.
16:10-16:35	International Narcotics Control Board: Monitoring international trade in chemicals used for the illicit manufacture of drugs with <i>PEN Online</i> .
16:45-17:10	European Joint Research Centre: "The Big Table" and beyond.
17:10-17:35	World Customs Organization: How to amend the HS for biotechnology items?
17:35-18:00	Discussion