



**Kenya School
of Revenue
Administration**



Regional Conference on Green Customs within the East African Community

Agenda

Day one: 24 January 2024		
Time	Activity	Speakers / facilitators
Opening and Introduction session		
8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival and registration of participants 	
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anna Ewa Kobylecka, World Customs Organization (WCO) Mr. Mugambi Mwirigi, Commissioner, Kenya School of Revenue Administration (KESRA) Ms. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Director of Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Introduction of participants and overview of the conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Alice Muriuki, Customs Trainer and Team-lead of Green Customs Programme, KESRA
9.45 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<p>Introduction to Green Customs Initiative (GCI)</p> <p>Trends on illegal trade of environmentally sensitive commodities in the region</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jackline Wanjiru, Programme Management Officer, Green Customs Initiative (GCI) secretariat, UNEP Mr. Jonathan Chigocha, Intelligence Officer, WCO - Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for East and Southern Africa
<i>Health break and group photo</i>		
Enforcement of trade-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)		
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Chemicals and waste enforcement:</p> <p>(i) Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions</p> <p>(ii) Montreal Protocol to the Vienna Convention</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti, Legal Officer, secretariat to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Ms. Liazzat Rabbiosi, Programme Management Officer, Ozone secretariat
<i>Lunch</i>		

2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Biodiversity protection and enforcement: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Pia Jonsson, Programme Management Officer, secretariat to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
	<i>Interactive discussion</i>	
2.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Briefing on Operation DEMETER IX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anna Ewa Kobylecka, Environment Programme Manager, WCO
<i>Health break</i>		
Green customs curriculum		
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Gaps in Customs training on MEAs enforcement – the Kenyan case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Alice Muriuki, Customs Trainer and Team-lead Green Customs Programme, KESRA
4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Development and implementation of the Kenyan Green Customs Course – challenges and lessons learnt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bernard Baimwera, Dean of Studies, KESRA
	<i>Interactive discussion</i>	
4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Wrap up of day one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants

Day two: 25 January 2024

Time	Activity	Speakers
Green customs at national level		
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	National experiences, gaps, challenges, and case studies on enforcement of MEAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country representatives from Customs and Environmental Authorities (7 minutes each)
<i>Health break</i>		
11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Exercise: identifying elements for a draft regional green customs action plan, including its implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions
12.00 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Presentation of elements for a draft regional green customs action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group representatives
<i>Lunch</i>		
Trade facilitation related to MEAs		
2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Role of trade facilitation in implementation of MEAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Birgit Viohl, Head of the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility, World Trade Organization Ms. Eleonora Salluzzi, Associate Programme Officer, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, International Trade Centre
	<i>Interactive panel discussion</i>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kelly Nyaga, Trade Policy Advisor, German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Role of Customs automation and digitisation in improving enforcement of MEAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Evariste Munyampundu, Customs officer (Procedures and Trade Facilitation), East African Community Secretariat
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Wrap up of day two and way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants
Reception by the GCI secretariat		