
Paperless Trade Facilitation in the Commonwealth

Recent evidence of its economic value

Friday 01 April, 2022; Time 11:00am-12:15 GMT. Virtual Meeting. Non-Public. Platform: Zoom

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:05	Welcome remarks by Mr Kirk Haywood, Head, Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda.
REMARKS I: PRESENTATION OF COMMONWEALTH REPORT FINDINGS	
11:05 – 11:25	Presentation by Ms Rebecca Harding, CEO of Coriolis Technologies and Commonwealth project consultant, on key findings from the Commonwealth's report: <i>Quantitative Analysis of the Move to Paperless Trade</i> . This will include key insights on the cost of trade across the Commonwealth and the quantitative benefits to be gained by moving toward paperless trade.
REMARKS II: THE MACRO CONTEXT AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRESS	
11:25 – 11:35	Remarks by Mr Chris Southworth, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (UK), on the macro context and international progress to-date on the move to paperless trade.
REMARKS III: COUNTRY EXPERIENCE	
11:35 – 11:45	Remarks from country official: Discussion on the national experience in moving toward paperless trade.
REMARKS IV: NEXT STEPS	
11:45 – 11:55	Remarks by Ms Vashti Maharaj, Adviser Digital Trade Policy, Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda, on next steps toward implementation of paperless trade across the Commonwealth, beginning with legal reforms.
Q&A	
11:55 – 12:10	Q&A session with participants facilitated by Ms Vashti Maharaj
CLOSING REMARKS	
12:10 – 12:15	Key takeaways and closing remarks by Mr Niels Strazdins, Trade Specialist, Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda.
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