

XVII WORLD CUSTOMS LAW MEETING PORTO, PORTUGAL
3-5 September 2025

**“CUSTOMS CONTROL IN THE ERA OF SUSTAINABILITY, DIGITALISATION AND SECURITY
IN A TRADE WAR LANDSCAPE”**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2025

10:00-16:00	Delegates Registration Lobby at Venue Hotel Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa, Rua Tenente Valadim, 146 4100-476 Porto, Portugal
20:00-23:00	Welcome Cocktail Salão Árabe del Palácio da Bolsa, Rua Ferreira Borges, 4050-253 Porto, Portugal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 2025

08:00-09:00	Arrival and registration of Delegates at the Porto Customshouse Congress Centre Sala dos Despachantes, Edifício da Alfândega, Rua Nova da Alfândega 4050-430 Porto, Portugal
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helena Maria José Alves Borges, General Director of the Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority - Mário Alexandre Alves Jorge, President of the <i>Ordem dos Despachantes Oficiais</i> (Portuguese Customs Brokers Association) - Manuel Fontaine, Director of the Faculty of Law of Porto of the Portuguese Catholic University - José Rijo, Partner at SPCA Sociedade de Advogados - Sara Armella, Counselor of the Board of Directors of the International Customs Law Academy ICLA Master of ceremonies: Imgard Rohde Aznar, Consultant in Training and Professional Development

WORLDWIDE TOPICS: SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TRADE

09:30-10:30	Conference: Public Sustainability Policies and their challenges in international trade Aik Hoe Lim, Director of the Trade and Environment Division at the World Trade Organization WTO, Geneva, Switzerland
10:30-12:00	Panel: The impact of environmental regulations on international trade and the role of business in cross-border environmental compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Florencia Sarmiento, Policy advisor within the Economic Law and Policy Program at the International Institute for Sustainable Development IISD, Geneva, Switzerland - Axel Marx, Deputy Director Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies at the University of Leuven, Belgium - Lars Karlsson, Global Head of Trade and Customs Consulting at Maersk, Stockholm, Sweden Moderator: Tânia Carvalhais Pereira, Coordinator of the Postgraduate Course in European Customs Law at the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon, Portugal
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break in the Salão Nobre

CUSTOMS TOPICS: CUSTOMS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

12:30-13:30	Conference: Artificial Intelligence and its applications in international trade and customs control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximilian Sandberger, Master of Science and Artificial Intelligence from Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria
13:30-14:30	Networking Lunch in the Salão Nobre
14:30-16:00	*Interactive Session: Artificial Intelligence: An effective, accurate and secure tool for determining and verifying the tariff classification, origin and customs valuation of goods? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valerie Picard, Head of Trade at the International Chamber of Commerce ICC, Paris, France - Natalia Mathá, Master's and PhD degree in Computer Science from the University of Klagenfurt, Austria Moderator: António Côrte-Real Neves, Arbitrator of the Portuguese Administrative Arbitration Centre

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 2025

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATION: CUSTOMS SECURITY

09:00-10:00	<p>Conference: Risks to security, citizen protection and legitimate international trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthias Petschke, Director of Customs at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union TAXUD (to be confirmed)
10:00-11:30	<p>Panel: Standards for Secure Supply Chains and the Redefinition of Authorized Economic Operator to Trust and Check Traders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anna Jerzewska, Founder and Director at Trade and Borders, London, England - Gabriela Sousa, Head of Customs for Portugal and Spain at Siemens Energy, Porto, Portugal <p>Moderator: Fernando Pieri Leonardo, President of the Brazilian Association of Customs Studies ABEAD Belo Horizonte, Brazil</p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break in the Salão Nobre
12:00-13:30	<p>Roundtable discussion with customs authorities: Customs Control in the Design and Compliance of Security Risk Profiling and in the Prevention against Customs offences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - María Ángeles Marín Ramírez, Deputy Director General of Inspection and Investigation of the Department of Customs and Excise of Spain - Ana Cristina Trovão, Deputy Director for Customs Management Area of the Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority - Soraya Valdivieso, Director General of the National Customs Authority of Panama - Fabiano Coelho, Under-Secretary of Customs Administration of the Brazilian Federal Revenue Authority <p>Moderator: José Rijo, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Porto of the Portuguese Catholic University</p>
13:30-14:30	Networking Lunch in the Salão Nobre
HARMONIZATION AND INTEGRATION: GEOPOLITICAL AND TRADE INSTABILITY	
14:30-16:00	<p>*Interactive Session: Tariff increases, the use of anti-dumping duties, the application of sanctions and export controls as factors in "trade wars"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manuel Fontaine, Director of the Faculty of Law of Porto of the Portuguese Catholic University - Alejandro Ramos Gil, Former President at ASAPRA, CAAAREM, IIFA, Monterrey, Mexico <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang, Professor and Director of Institute of Customs and International Trade Law at University of Muenster, Germany</p>
CUSTOMS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, NEW DOCTRINE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY	
16:00-16:30	<p>Presentation: Customs professional training</p> <p>Karolyn Salcedo, Former Director of Capacity Building for the Americas and the Caribbean of the World Customs Organization WCO, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Moderator: Alejandro Arola, President of the Foundation for the spread of the knowledge and Customs Law Barcelona, Spain</p>
16:30-17:00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Andrés Rohde Ponce, President of the International Customs Law Academy ICLA
19:00-19:15	<p>**Shuttle Service</p> <p>From the Venue Hotel Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa to the Terminal de Cruzeiros do Porto</p>
20:00-23:45	<p>**Gala Dinner</p> <p>Terminal de Cruzeiros do Porto de Leixões, Matosinhos, Portugal</p>
23:45-24:00	<p>**Shuttle Service</p> <p>From the Terminal de Cruzeiros do Porto to the Venue Hotel Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa</p>

During the conferences English, Portuguese and Spanish translation will be provided

***Interactive session: delegates and attendees will have the opportunity to actively participate and ask questions to the speakers during the interactive sessions.**

**** Shuttle service from the venue hotel Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa to the Terminal de Cruzeiros do Porto for delegates, attendees, speakers and accompanying persons registered for the meeting (roundtrip)**