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Symposium on the future impact of negotiable cargo documents and negotiable electronic cargo records in the Arab world

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Provisional Agenda

9:00 – 10:00 Welcome and Registration

10:00 -10:30 Opening Session

The introduction of the goals of the symposium, Dr. Mostafa Rashid/
Economic Consultant, Assistant to the President of AASTMT and the
rapporteur of the symposium

Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret/ Secretary, UNCITRAL

Dr. Hanane BECHA/ UN/CEFACT Vice Chair, Transport and Logistics

Prof. Ismail Abdel Ghaffar Ismail Farag/President of AASTMT

Amb. Dr. Bahgat Abou El Nasr/ Head of the Transport and Tourism
Division, League of Arab States



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10:30 - 12:00 Current Practice and Latest Developments

Moderator:

Couns.Dr. Rimon Malak Ibrahim/ President of the Criminal Circuit, Alexandria Economic Court and Member of the Advisory Centre of the College of International Transport and Logistics, AASTMT

1. Overview of transport networks in the Arab world

Dr. Yarob Badr/ Regional Advisor on Transport and Logistics, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia

2. History and functions of maritime bill of lading

Couns. Ashraf Elsweify/ Legal Advisor, the Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping

3. Importance of maritime bill of lading for trade finance, particularly documentary credit transactions

Mr. Mohammed Imam/ Executive advisor to the CEO, General Manager at Jordan Islamic Bank

4. Issuance of negotiable transport documents by freight forwarders

Ms. Andrea Tang/ Legal Services Director, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations

5. Digitalization of negotiable transport documents

Dr. Hanane BECHA/ UN/CEFACT Vice Chair, Transport and Logistics

Questions and Discussion

12:00- 12:30 Coffee break



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12:30-14:00 New Initiatives

Moderator:

Dr. Mostafa Rashid/ Economic Consultant, Assistant to the President of
AASTMT

6. UNCITRAL's ongoing work on negotiable cargo documents and negotiable electronic cargo records

Ms. Fatma Khalifa/ Consultant, UNCITRAL Secretariat

Mr. Ahmed Babe Amar Sidahmed/ President of the Commercial Court of Appeal
in Nouakchott, Mauritania

7. The role of negotiable cargo documents and negotiable electronic cargo records in the context of the global supply chains

Dr. Farouk Malash/ Professor of Commercial and Maritime Law, College of
International Transport and Logistics, AASTMT

8. The vision of the maritime and logistics private sector in Egypt and in the Arab World in relation to the issuance of negotiable cargo documents and negotiable electronic cargo records

Mr. Mohamed Mosselhy/ President, Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping
Eng. Medhat Elkady/ Head of the International Transport and Logistics Division
at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Walid Badr/ Secretary General of the Arab Federation of Chambers of
Shipping

Questions and Discussion

14:00-14:30 Concluding Session (Conclusion & Recommendations)