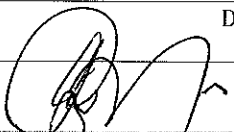




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Present

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| 1. Mr D. Masilela | Commissioner General(Chair) |
| 2. Ms T. Dlamini | Director Large Taxpayer Unit |
| 3. Ms N. Marrengane | Chief Legal Officer |
| 4. Mr M. Dlamini | Executive Assistant- Customs |
| 5. Mr M. Lokotfwako | FSE&CC |
| 6. Ms B. Ntando | FSE&CC |
| 7. Mr L. Makhanya | SIPA |
| 8. Mr J. Manikela | FESBC |

Apologies

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| Mr V .Dlamini | Communications |
| Mr B. Mhlongo | SIA |
| Ms N. Simelane | Act. Commissioner DT |

1.0 Chairman's Remarks

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 09:50hrs
- 1.2 The chair noted his concern on the forum attendance. He appealed to members to attend these meetings.
 - 1.2.1 He advised that apologies should be sent earlier, to know if quorum will be formed, if not send a cancellation.

2.0 Adoption of minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November were adopted without any corrections.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Commissioner Customs indicated that at the moment he didn't have any update on the one-stop border with South Africa.
 - 3.1.1. However, there are certain initiatives that are being undertaken by Customs to improve border operations.
 - 3.1.2 A high level meeting with SARS leadership may be tabled to highlight the plea by traders.
 - 3.1.3 It was noted that Customs is working on the data connectivity with SARS in order to be able to read each other's data. This will spend up processes when declaring goods at both borders and eliminate double capturing.
 - 3.1.4 Customs may have engagements with the business sector to disseminate this information, and can send such information to FSE & CC for publication on their newsletter.
- 3.2 The absence of VAT refund system with Mozambique diverts more business to South Africa.
 - 3.2.1 It was noted that a team was set up to look at how this can be developed.
 - 3.2.2 Members requested that this item has a timeline as it affects the economy of the country. Administrative issues need to be tightened and ensure processes are being carried out correctly.
 - 3.2.3 SRA will report back to forum on the plan.

4.0 Domestic to Business Forum Report

- 4.1 An update was given on the recent sub-committee recently held and some concerns were escalated to the BCC;
 - 4.2.1 The tax relief provided is still insufficient as individual tax rates are still high-the Chairman indicated that due to the economy's dependency on SACU, the Ministry is not in a position to lower the taxes any further.
 - 4.2.2 The business sector should lobby sustainable forums with government on other sources of revenue possibilities.
 - 4.2.3 Any information relevant to the business sector can be sent to FSCE & CC for their monthly newsletter.

5.0 Customs to Business Forum Report

5.1 The concerns raised during the Customs- Business meeting and escalated to BCC were discussed.

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 The Terms of Reference for the BCC should be tabled to address the participation of stakeholders.

7.0 Feedback from the private sector

Date of next meeting: 23 May 2014

Venue: SIPA to communicate with authorities on being hosts.

No.	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Update on Progress
1	A survey to influence the transition of a 24hr border	Communications Director- SRA		
2	Inform local businesses on the benefits of investments incentives	SRA Communications & SIPA		
3	Formalise issues that arise at the Lavumisa border for traders	SIPA		
4	Dissemination of information on Customs & Domestic taxes sent to FSE & CC for their monthly newsletters	Customs & Domestic Taxes		
5	SRA to report on plan developed by team working on the VAT refund system with Mozambique	SRA	Next meeting	