

SRA COMMEMORATES

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY 2019

The 26th of January marks the commemoration of the International Customs Day (ICD) under the auspices of World Customs Organization. The SRA celebrated this day during an event held at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre on 25 January 2019. The 2019 theme is “**SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport**”, dedicated to “swift and smooth cross-border movement of goods, people and means of transport.

Speaking during the commemoration, the Minister for Finance, Honourable Neal Rijkenburg appreciated the work that has been done by the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) towards implementation of the Trade Facilitation roadmap. The NTFC is a committee co-chaired by the SRA Commissioner General and Principal Secretary from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade.

“I have also been informed that short term and long-term interventions have been identified, and these will be encapsulated in the roadmap monitored by the National Trade Facilitation Committee. I encourage all stakeholders represented this room to continue making meaningful inputs to this agenda.” emphasised the Rijkenburg

Eswatini top of Africa

The Kingdom of Eswatini is ranked 32nd in the world and number one in Africa on Trading across borders category according to the 2018 World Bank’s Ease of doing Business Rankings. The SRA Commissioner General, Dumisani E. Masilela revealed this during the commemoration of the International Customs Day 2019 held at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. “We want to thank all stakeholders who have played their role in ensuring there are improvements at the border as we facilitate trade”, said Masilela.

The CG also mentioned that the preliminary findings of the Time Release Study demonstrates that clearance of goods at the border takes less than 3 hours and sits at 2 hours 51 minutes, which itself is an achievement for all stakeholders involved at the border.