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# Good news on bribery in Ghana, but number of checkpoints, delays remain high

**Tema, Ghana, Nov. 10, 2011** – Ghana continues to have the lowest level of bribery at checkpoints along its primary trade corridor but the number of stops and delays they cause trucks remain problematic, according to the 16<sup>th</sup> report of the joint USAID Trade Hub-UEMOA road governance initiative. The report was presented to stakeholders today.

“Trucks are stopped repeatedly along the corridor, which discourages traders from using the Tema-Ouagadougou route,” said Yaya Yedan of the Burkina Shippers’ Council. “Ghana loses business as a result – because they simply take the goods through the ports in Abidjan, Cotonou or Lome.”

Trucks using the road will be delayed about 18 minutes per 100 km, the report states – or about 3 hours over the course of the entire 880km journey. Drivers pay about USD 1.6 per 100 km in bribes – or about USD 14 over the course of the trip.

Truck drivers, customs and police officials and transport industry stakeholders will participate in today’s workshop. The Borderless advocacy campaign to increase trade in West Africa facilitates dialogue among and between stakeholders to raise awareness and inspire action.

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