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Workshop on Axle-load Policy and Road Governance in Ghana - Kumasi

As part of its continuous efforts to promote a favorable business environment for traders in the West Africa sub region, the Borderless Alliance, in collaboration with the Ghana Shippers' Authority, organized a one-day workshop on July 10, 2014 at Miklin Hotel, Kumasi, Ghana.

The workshop will review the effects of the implementation of the new axle-load regime in Ghana which took effect from January 1, 2014 as well as present the most recent road governance information on checkpoints, illegal payment and delays on the Tema-Ouagadougou road corridor.

The axle-load limits applied in Ghana, for some time now, have been different from what is applied in other countries in the sub-region. Ghana is currently the only country in the sub-region implementing a limit of 60 metric tons gross weight for 6 axle trucks. This situation, according to transport stakeholders, has given rise to various adverse effects for the country. There has been a sharp decrease in transit trade through the Ports of Ghana since its initial implementation in 2009.

Apart from being a platform for trade and transport stakeholders to discuss the effects of the implementation of the axle-load policy, the workshop will also be used to disseminate the 24th Improved Road Transport Governance report. This report shows that Ghana although one of the better performing countries in the region with regards to free flowing road transport corridor with fewer illegal payments to uniformed personnel, also has one of the highest number of checkpoints per 100 km, which are mostly police barriers.

Invited participants include shippers, truck owners and drivers associations, the Ghana Highways Authority and members of the Borderless Alliance.

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