## Hinterland Connections of Seaports

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Introduction of the Session

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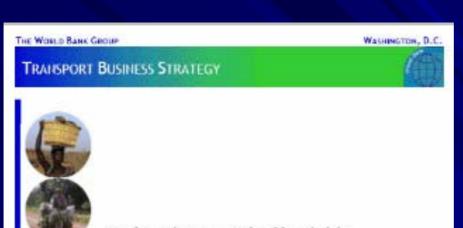




#### Introduction

- The World Bank is honoured and pleased to have been invited to participate in this important Conference
- The World Bank, as a member of the UN Family, also supports the UN Millennium Goals
- In 2008 the World Bank Group published its Transport Business Strategy (TBS) for 2008-2012
- The TBS emphasizes the importance of the relation between ports and efficient inland transport modes
- The World Bank is an active partner in the Global Facilitation Partnership (GFP) initiative





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The World Bank Group's Transport Business Strategy for 2008-2012 Website Link:

http://go.worldbank.org/ RSESS3TIJ0

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### Major Issues of Attention in Ports and Maritime Transport

- Port Reform (Concessions)
- Climate Change Issues
- Energy Prices
- Environment
- Trade Facilitation
- Port Congestion and Indicators
- Port and Supply Chain Security



#### The Importance of Hinterland Connections

- Offering the possibility of choice of modes and multimodal connections are favorable competitive factors for ports
- In the end it is the Price Quality Ratio (PQR) that counts
- Attention to the environment is more important than ever
- If possible, ports should promote the use of other modes than road such as rail, inland waterways and multimodal transport
- Such promotion could be achieved through bonus-malus systems in new concessions



### Examples of Topics of World Bank Projects

- Inland Waterway Transport (IWT)
- National Port Strategy (including hinterland connections)
- Regional Transport Studies (including landlocked countries)
- Port Development Projects
- Port and Supply Chain Security
- Port Reform

Hinterland Connections, Trade Facilitation and Environmental Assessment are important components of these projects



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