

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **OIC High Level Forum on Trade Facilitation and the Initiatives of the Single Window For Enhancing Regional Economic Cooperation**

**25-26 february 2013**

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), a Subsidiary Organ of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) Member of the Islamic Development Bank Group will organise under the auspices of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and New Technologies of the Kingdom of Morocco, the «OIC High Level Forum on Trade Facilitation and the Initiatives of the Single Window for Enhancing Regional Economic Cooperation» from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Casablanca.

The Forum is open to the participation of the Representatives of the Ministries in charge of Foreign, Customs Administrations and Single Windows. The Objective of this Forum is to exchange their knowledge in this field as well as national and regional experiences among participants for the drawing up of a Regional Programme for Trade Facilitation, notably the setting up of a Single Window for the OIC Member Countries.

Other regional operators and leading single windows in the OIC region, such as Dagang Net (Malaysia) will also take part in this important event.

This Forum will also be attended by the Regional Economic Commissions of the United Nations (UNECE, UNESCWA...), International Organisations (WCO, UNCTAD...) and the Regional Economic Organisations (AMU, COMESA, WAEMU...). Other regional projects of trade facilitation will also be examined during this event, like the initiatives of the Automated Data System in the OIC Member Countries.