



**MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON SERVICES, DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE:
THE REGULATORY AND INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSION**

23–24 February 2012

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 23 February 2012

10-10.30 a.m.	<p>Opening</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of officers 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work 3. Services, development and trade: the regulatory and institutional dimension <p>Opening statement: Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</p> <p>Introductory remarks: Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC)</p>
10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	<p>Presentation of the background note by the UNCTAD secretariat: Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, DITC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Session 1 – Developments and Trends in Infrastructure Services Sectors</p> <p>The session will review recent developments and trends in the production, trade and regulation of the infrastructure services sectors and their impact on the operation of those sectors, for example, with respect to supply, investment, competition and pricing. It will also examine the role of regulations in tackling emerging challenges, for example, promoting universal access to essential services, addressing environmental issues and creating employment. The session will do so bearing in mind that the provision of infrastructure services increasingly involves diverse forms of ownership such as public-private partnership and State-owned enterprises. It will also discuss the evolution of national institutional mechanisms aimed at improving the quality of regulation in all sectors, particularly regulatory oversight bodies (“regulator of the regulators”).</p> <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How best can the regulation of the infrastructure services sectors contribute to the achievement of inclusive and sustained growth and the development of developing countries? How best can this regulation contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals? 2. What are some of the emerging challenges that have been faced in recent years by sector regulators in telecommunication, transport and energy services? How do global challenges, such as energy, climate change and the financial and economic crisis, affect the regulation of the infrastructure services sectors? 3. What are some of the lessons learned in ensuring the optimum operation of the sectors? 4. How can the quality of regulation be ensured, and what institutional mechanism is needed to improve the quality of all regulatory bodies?

	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Pramod Deo, Chair, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India ▪ Professor Marcelo Olarreaga, Chair, Department of Economics, University of Geneva ▪ Mr. Philippe Raillon, Chair, International Strategy Working Group, Council of European Energy Regulators ▪ Mr. Makhtar Fall, Head, Regulatory and Market Environment Division, International Telecommunication Union ▪ Ms. Mi Young Kang, Deputy Director, Knowledge and Service Industries Promotion Division, National Information Technology Industry Promotion Agency, Secretariat of the International Industrial Development Consulting Association, Republic of Korea ▪ Mr. Stephen Banable, Senior Expert, Unit of Regulatory Policy and Impact Assessment, Secretariat General of the European Commission ▪ Mr. Hebert Tassano Velaochaga, President of the Board, National Institute for the Defence of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), Peru <p>Interactive debate</p>
<p>3-6 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2: Post-crisis Financial Regulations and Their Development Implications</p> <p>This session will examine the new financial regulatory landscape emerging from ongoing regulatory reform efforts. These efforts are being undertaken at the national and international levels to pre-empt future financial crises, mitigate adverse effects and restore a healthy and robust financial sector (banking and insurance services) that can sustain inclusive growth and development. This session will place particular emphasis on the implications of emerging financial regulations for developing countries. It will consider experiences and lessons learned in designing adequate forms of financial regulations and associated measures that support real economies.</p> <p>Issues for discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key regulatory challenges in reducing the risk of future financial crises facing national and international regulators of financial services? What regulatory approaches are being deployed to meet such challenges nationally and internationally? 2. What specific challenges do developing country regulators face, as opposed to developed country regulators? What approaches are taken and tested in various national contexts, such as in ensuring financial inclusion? 3. What lessons have been learned in achieving macro-prudential regulation and oversight that address various financial subsectors, operators and jurisdictions? 4. How does Basel III affect developing countries, particularly in their access to general finance and trade finance? <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Ms. Marion Vernese Williams, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva ▪ Professor Kern Alexander, University of Zurich Law Faculty and the Centre for Financial Analysis and Policy, University of Cambridge ▪ Mr. Mete Bumin, Head of Foreign Relations Department, Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, Turkey ▪ Mr. Walter Stahel, Vice Secretary General and Head of the Risk Management Programme, International Association for the Study of Insurance Economics ▪ Mr. Andrew Cornford, Observatoire de la Finance <p>Interactive debate</p>
<p>6 p.m.</p>	<p>Cocktails</p>

Friday, 24 February 2011

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Session 3 – The Interface between Regulation and Trade in the Infrastructure Services Sectors

The session will deliberate on the two-way interactions between the regulation of infrastructure services and trade, including trade in infrastructure services. It will examine the implications of international trade agreements and liberalization processes at the multilateral and regional levels for the regulation of infrastructure services, with special regard to developing countries. Particular emphasis will be placed on the increasingly prominent role of regional approaches to trade and on regulations of infrastructure services. It will also discuss the role of regulatory and developmental cooperative schemes in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of regional infrastructure services among developing countries.

Issues for discussion

1. How have multilateral and regional trade agreements and liberalization processes dealt with infrastructure services?
2. What are some of the most salient issues, particularly for developing countries, that lie at the interface of trade and regulations (e.g. regulatory flexibility, right to regulate, public services)? How does liberalization in infrastructure services affect regulations, and vice versa?
3. How do different approaches to trade liberalization (multilateral vs. regional, positive- vs. negative-list approaches) affect the regulation of infrastructure services?
4. What potential does broader liberalization, regulatory and institutional cooperation, harmonization and equivalence in the regional context offer for trade and the development of infrastructure services?

Panellists

- Ms. Serrana Bassini, Secretary General of the Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal
- Mr. Laurean Bategana Butubira, Principal Commercial Officer, Trade Department, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Uganda
- H.E. Mr. Fernando De Mateo Y. Venturini, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the World Trade Organization
- Ms. Ifeyinwa Ikeonu, Council Member, Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority, Economic Community of West African States
- Mr. Hamid Mamdouh, Director, Trade in Services Division, World Trade Organization

Interactive debate

3-6 p.m.

Session 4 – Practical Lessons and Best-fit Practices in the Regulation of Infrastructure Services

The session will consider experiences and lessons learned in the regulation of infrastructure services as examined during this multi-year expert meeting cycle. It will be conducted with a view to identifying an indicative list of practical lessons, best practices and a checklist of guidelines for regulators in building efficient and effective infrastructure services sectors and improving the quality of regulations. It may also suggest possible areas of future work to be undertaken.

Issues for discussion

1. What regulatory principles constitute best practices and what lessons are learned for developing countries?
2. What specific lessons should be drawn for developing countries, particularly least developed countries and countries with special needs?
3. What linkages are there among regulatory and institutional frameworks, productive capacity-building and trade opening?
4. How can international cooperation help enhance the capacity of developing countries to build sound

regulatory and institutional frameworks?

5. What further contribution can UNCTAD make to help countries design and implement best-fit national regulatory and institutional frameworks on infrastructure services?

Interactive debate

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- Dr. Pramod Deo, Chair, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
- Mr. Philippe Raillon, Chair, International Strategy Working Group, Council of European Energy Regulators
- Ms. Goitsewang Morekisi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Botswana/Ms. Evies Joina, Chief Economist (Transport), Ministry of Transport and Communications, Botswana
- Mr. Julio Baltazar Durand Carrión, Member, Board National Superintendence of Sanitation Services (SUNASS), Peru
- Mr. Hyun-Ho Shin, Partner, Business Consulting Service, Samjong KPMG Advisory, Inc., and Member of the International Industrial Development Consulting Association, Republic of Korea