UNCTAD MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON
Trade, Services and Development
Leveraging services, including infrastructure services, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

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Opening plenary session

**Isabelle Durant** (Belgium) took office as Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 3 July 2017. Ms. Durant had a distinguished career in Belgian and European politics. She held the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Transport and Energy and Senator in the Belgian Government. She also served as Vice-President of the European Parliament and Presidency of the European Union Council of Ministers of Transport. Ms. Durant has a wealth of experience collaborating with civil society and the private sector as well, notably as the Vice-President responsible for relations between the European Parliament and civil society. Finally, Ms. Durant has held posts as a senior consultant on the empowerment of women in local government for the UNDP and as a member of Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region in Belgium.

**Pamela Coke-Hamilton** Ms. Coke-Hamilton is the Director of the Division on International Trade and Commodities of UNCTAD. She has vast experience on international trade and development policy gained from her tenure with regional and international organizations, as well as through her work with national governments and universities. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Caribbean Export Development Agency, where she led major private sector development projects. Before this, she spearheaded the Aid for Trade initiative for the Caribbean at the Inter-American Development Bank and addressed trade and globalization issues facing small island developing states at the Organization of American States. Ms. Coke-Hamilton holds a Juris Doctor in Law from Georgetown University and a BSc in International Relations and Economics from the University of the West Indies.

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Segment 1. Services, resilience to economic shocks and economic recovery

Lucas Ferraz is the Secretary of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economy, Government of Brazil. Lucas Ferraz is an Engineer and holds a PhD in Economics from Getulio Vargas Foundation in Sao Paulo. He was a senior consultant in international trade for the World Bank and UNCTAD and is one of the coordinators of the Brazilian Chair at the World Trade Organization.

Beatrice Chaytor is an international trade lawyer, a specialist in trade and investment, providing advice and support to African governments in their engagement with regional and international trade policy processes. She is currently Senior Expert - Trade in Services in the Department of Trade and Industry at the African Union Commission, based in Addis Ababa, and works on the negotiations for the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Dong Ki Lee joined Korea International Trade Association in 1992 and has been in charge of supporting small and medium sized enterprises and startups to advance overseas for 27 years.

Nanno Mulder is Chief of the International Trade Unit at UN-ECLAC. Before he worked at OECD (2002-2005) and CEPII, Paris (1996-2001). He has a PhD in economics from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, and is President of the Latin American network for research and policy in services (https://comunidades.cepal.org/redlas/en)
Segment 2. Services-enabled digitization: potential and challenges for development

René A. Hernández is a former Lead Economist of ECLAC and the UNDP. He has more than 30 years of experience working in the Latin America and Caribbean region. He is currently a Researcher at the University of Alcalá. He is the author of several books and academic articles. His research interests include international economics, global value chains, services and structural transformation.

Lee Tuthill works in the Secretariat of WTO on administration of the General Agreement on Trade in Services. She is the resident expert on trade in telecommunications and computer services and also covers IT-enabled trade and WTO work on electronic commerce. She was the Secretary to the Group on Basic Telecommunications that negotiated on market opening in the sector from 1994 to 1997. Following this, Ms. Tuthill was Secretary to the dispute settlement panel for the GATS dispute settlement case on telecommunications between the U.S. and Mexico. She represents the WTO at relevant meeting of the ITU, UNCTAD, OECD, WSIS, IGF and various regional organizations. During her tenure at WTO, Ms. Tuthill has also worked closely with a great many national governments on ICT trade policy and regulatory issues. Before joining the WTO, Ms. Tuthill worked for several years as an economist covering GATT affairs and other international economic policy issues in Washington, D.C. She attended Columbia University in New York, where she received a graduate degree from the School of International and Public Affairs.

Kern Alexander is Professor of Banking and Financial Market Law and Regulation at the University of Zurich. Professor Alexander is an internationally recognised expert who has authored books and articles on international financial regulation and European Union and British banking and securities regulation. He is the author of many research articles and books, including most recently Principles of Banking Regulation (Cambridge University Press, 2019) and Brexit and Financial Services (co-author Moloney et al, 2018). He has served since 2009 as a regulatory and policy adviser to the European Parliament and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development’s Trade Negotiations and Commercial Policy Division. In addition to academic publications, he has co-authored major reports commissioned by the European Parliament. He is the Founder of the Research Network for Sustainable Finance (www.susfin.ch).

Daniela Stratulativ is a senior adviser in trade policy, business strategy, digitization, and maritime transport to leaders in international organizations, governments, and private sector. She has 19 years experience, holds BSc, MBA, MSc. International Trade with Award, and completed “Mastering Trade Policy” Executive Program, Harvard Kennedy School of Government.
Segment 3. The role of UNCTAD on leveraging services to achieve the sustainable development goals

Margarida Rosa da Silva Izata

Ambassador, has a long and rich experience in multilateral affairs. She was appointed as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations Office in Geneva, since May 2018. In 2019, she was the African Group Coordinator for Human Rights issues and Vice-President of the ILO Centenary Conference. In 2020 was appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council Gender Focal Point for cases of sexual and gender-based harassment. Prior to her appointment to Geneva, she had been serving as Director of the Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of External Relations, since 2008 during 10 years. She has been a member of Angolan delegations to the UNGA since 1996. She was also the national Coordinator of the Inter-sectoral Committee for Drafting National Report on Human Rights issues during 5 years. She served as Minister-Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations in New York (2nd and 5th Committees) from 1998 to 2004. She joined the Ministry of External Relations in 1985, after graduating from 1977 to 1981, at faculty of Economics Sciences of Bucharest, Romania. She also gets a Master’s Degree, from 2003 to 2004, in “Prevention and Resolution Conflict”, at the Ignatius-Sofia University in New York.

Abderrahim Ait Slimane


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is a Guatemalan Lawyer and Notary Public with a Master in International and European Commercial and Economic Law from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Currently working as a Counsellor for the Mission of Guatemala to the WTO, UNCTAD and ITC. Has expertise in Trade, Investment, Development, Environment, Regional Trade Agreements, Fisheries Subsidies, Dispute Settlement, SMEs and E-commerce. Lead negotiator for the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement and Trade Facilitation Negotiations. Served as a Vice-chair in the 2019 Multiyear Expert Meeting on Services and Trade and is currently appointed as the Rapporteur for the Trade and Development Board at UNCTAD.

Jorge Arbache

Vice President for Private Sector at the Development Bank of Latin America – CAF and professor of economics at the University of Brasilia. Arbache has served as Deputy Minister for International Affairs and as Chief Economist at the Ministry of Planning of Brazil, among other positions.