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## POLICY DIALOGUE: REDEFINING THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN TOMORROW'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE

26-27 MARCH 2012

Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Chaired by

H.E. Ms. Anabel González, Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica

### PURPOSE

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#### WHO?

Government Trade Policymakers, Civil Society, Business Sector, and International Organizations

#### WHAT?

Brainstorming on:

What “trade policy” now, in light of the new realities in international trade?

How we achieve “inclusive growth” through trade?

What constitute “inclusive” trade policymaking process?

What elements in the 21st-Century trade agenda?

#### WHY?

The landscape of international trade has changed over the past three decades. Globalization so far has not brought equitable growth to all.

Let us start a Policy Dialogue among all stakeholders!

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# Policy Dialogue: the Role of the Government in Tomorrow's International Trade 26-27 March, Room XVI (Door A15)

## AGENDA

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### Monday, 26 March 2012

#### Opening: (9:30-10:00)

**Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi**, Secretary-General of UNCTAD  
**H.E. Ms. Anabel González**, Chair, and Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica

#### Session 1: Trade policy for inclusive growth in the twenty-first century economy

Moderator: **Robert Wolfe**, Professor, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, Canada

##### Session 1.A: Mapping the challenges for government (10:00-12:30)

**Christophe Bellmann**, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development  
**Bernard Hoekman**, World Bank  
**Vera Thorstensen**, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Brazil  
**Craig VanGrasstek**, Harvard Kennedy School

Interactive debate

##### Session 1.B: Export diversification in the twenty-first century (14:00-15:45)

**Nadir Merah**, African Union  
**Otaviano Canuto**, World Bank  
**Abdulaziz Sager**, Gulf Research Centre  
**John Malcolm Spence**, Office of Trade Negotiations, CARICOM Secretariat  
**Ari Van Assche**, HEC, Montreal, Canada

Interactive debate

#### Session 2: The government and the business sector in trade policymaking (16:00-18:00)

Moderator: **Peter Draper**, South African Institute of International Affairs  
**Stefano Bertasi**, International Chamber of Commerce  
**Isidoro Hodara**, Universidad ORT, Uruguay  
**Selina E. Jackson**, World Bank  
**Francis Mbroh**, African Export-Import Bank

Interactive debate

### Tuesday, 27 March 2012

#### Session 3: An inclusive process for trade policymaking (10:00-12:30)

Moderator: **Mark Halle**, International Institute of Sustainable Development

**Isolda Agazzi**, Alliance Sud  
**Esther Busser**, International Trade Union Confederation, Geneva office  
**Pradeep S. Mehta**, CUTS International  
**Khemani Pholsena**, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR  
**Raymond Saner**, CSEND

Interactive debate

#### Session 4: Twenty-first century trade agenda (14:00-16:00)

Moderator: **Jean-Pierre Lehmann**, Evian Group @ IMD  
**Stuart Harbinson**, Sidley Austin LLP  
**Nicolas Imboden**, IDEAS Centre  
**Harsha Vardhana Singh**, World Trade Organization

**Robert Wolfe** (Moderator of session 1)  
**Peter Draper** (Moderator of session 2)  
**Mark Halle** (Moderator of session 3)

Interactive debate

#### Closing: Chair's summary and open discussion (16:45-17:30)

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