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Afternoon session

- ✓ Trade, environment, climate change
- ✓ Wrap-up debate: what has to be done in terms of Official Development Assistance and Aid for Trade to maximize the development impacts of trade?

Panel with development agencies and Geneva Missions, NGOs



Discussion Forum
on

**WHY TRADE
MATTERS IN
DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIES?**

27–29 November 2013

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Main objectives of the Forum

- To foster dialogue between trade experts in Geneva and national officials in charge of development planning, focusing on:
 1. Linkages between trade and development policies at:
 - ✓ The macro level
 - ✓ The sectoral level
 - ✓ The micro level
 2. Technical assistance needed to address these linkages and to ensure positive impact of trade on development processes.
- Share experiences on:
 1. How trade issues and policies are actually taken into account and connected to:
 - ✓ Development strategies
 - ✓ Poverty reduction strategies
 - ✓ Assistance plans and requests
 2. What changes were introduced in the development strategies and assistance plans in order to take into account the implications of trade policy.
 3. At the national level, who does what and who decides what on the links between development plans, assistance plans and trade issues:
 - ✓ What are the connections between the Ministry of Planning (or its equivalent) and the Ministry of Trade?
 - ✓ How is the business sector involved in trade operations included in

decisions concerning trade and development plans?

- ✓ Are there other mechanisms of consultations?
- ✓ Are donors informed or consulted?

Participants

- Selected participants (in general non trade-Experts) from capitals of developing countries
- Geneva missions
- Geneva-based agencies and NGOs
- Donors

Final outcomes of the event

- A report summarizing the debate
- Individual papers on national cases
- Establishment of a network among the participants who attended the workshop, the Geneva final event, and the online courses.

Tentative programme

Wednesday, 27 November 2013

Morning session

- ✓ Opening and introduction
- ✓ Reports on workshops held in Lesotho, Mali, Nepal, Lebanon and Guatemala on “The Trade Dimension in UNDAFs”
- ✓ How is trade and productive capacity being introduced in development and assistance plans
- ✓ Two country cases: Nepal and Yemen

- ✓ Panel discussion on “Why Trade Matters in development Strategies”

Afternoon session

- ✓ Country case: Bhutan
- ✓ Trade policy issues in dealing with food security

Thursday, 28 November 2013

Morning session

- ✓ Can trade policies contribute to poverty reduction?
- ✓ Country case: Togo
- ✓ Using Trade to empower women

Afternoon session

- ✓ The interface between trade and productive capacity
- ✓ Country case: Lebanon
- ✓ Job creation and trade policies

Friday, 29 November 2013

Morning session

Invitation to “the First Geneva Dialogue on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda”¹ chaired by the **Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, and with the participation of **Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Special Adviser** of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on post-2015 development planning

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¹ Separate programme available