



**MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON ENHANCING THE ENABLING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AT ALL  
LEVELS IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (SECOND SESSION)**

**Towards an enabling multilateral trading system for inclusive and sustainable  
development**

8–9 December 2014, Room XXI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK**

<b>Monday, 8 December 2014</b>	
<b>10–11 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Opening plenary meeting</b></p> <p>1. Election of officers 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <p><i>Opening statement:</i> Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, on behalf of Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</p> <p><i>Presentation of the background note by the secretariat:</i> Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC)</p>
<b>11 a.m.–1 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Informal meeting 1</b></p> <p><b>Session 1: Evolving contribution of trade and the multilateral trading system to inclusive and sustainable development</b></p> <p>Trade is expected to play a key catalytic and enabling role in the post-2015 development agenda for inclusive and sustainable development. In view of transformative shifts that have marked recent evolutions in international trade, the session will examine national and international measures needed to make trade integration inclusive and sustainable and to build productive capacities, as well as the role of the global trade governance system in this regard.</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How can trade contribute to inclusive and sustainable development, and post-2015 sustainable development goals?</li> <li>▪ What national policies are needed to make trade-led growth and development more inclusive and sustainable (for example, productive capacities, employment)?</li> <li>▪ What are the key components of an enabling economic environment on trade? What is the role of policy space and market opening?</li> <li>▪ How can the multilateral trading system contribute to an enabling economic environment in support of growth, jobs and sustainable development?</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Osvaldo Rosales, Director, Division of International Trade and Integration, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Rorden Wilkinson, Professor of Global Political Economy, University of Sussex</li> <li>▪ Mr. David Laborde, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute</li> <li>▪ Mr. Georgios Mermigkas, Economist, Geneva Liaison Office, Food and Agriculture Organization</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
<p><b>3–6 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>3–5 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Informal meeting 2</b></p> <p><b>Session 2: The role of the multilateral trading system as a public good</b></p> <p>The ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali in December 2013 has injected a renewed impetus to the Doha Round negotiations as recently reaffirmed by the WTO General Council decisions of 27 November. The 13 years of Doha Round processes may suggest that the multilateral trading system is in need of strengthening. Against this backdrop, the session will deliberate on the role of the multilateral trading system in containing old and new forms of protectionism and examine the impact of non-tariff measures/barriers. It will also discuss its role in inducing progressive market opening, including possible ways forward in multilateral trade negotiations.</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What options are there in bringing the Round to a conclusion in the near future?</li> <li>▪ How multilateral and plurilateral (for example, the Trade in Services Agreement) negotiations interact each other? What are the implications for developing countries?</li> <li>▪ What are the effects of non-tariff measures/barriers on developing countries and how should they be addressed?</li> <li>▪ How best can the special needs and interests of least developed countries and other weaker and more vulnerable economies be preserved and advanced?</li> <li>▪ What options are there to strengthen the multilateral trading system in delivering negotiated outcomes?</li> <li>▪ What role can the dispute settlement mechanism play in addressing old and new forms of protectionism?</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Detlev Brauns, Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of the European Union to WTO</li> <li>▪ Mr. Christopher S. Wilson, Deputy Chief, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to WTO</li> <li>▪ Mr. Fernando Pimentel, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to WTO</li> <li>▪ Mr. Hong Zhu, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of China to WTO</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Azher Ali Choudhry, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan</li> <li>▪ Ms. Sekela Anosisye Mwaisela, Principal Trade Officer, Ministry of Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania</li> </ul>
<p><b>5–6 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: New regional trade architecture, systemic coherence and development</b></p> <p>The accelerated proliferation, expansion and deepening of regional trade agreements (RTAs) has marked the recent evolution of the international trading system. Recognizing that many of these arrangements are here to stay and that this trend has recently witnessed a quantum leap with the emergence of so-called “mega” RTAs, the session will address the implications of recent new-generation RTAs, including South–South integration and cooperation, for the multilateral market opening and rule-making efforts, particularly in term of how these schemes could be turned into an</p>

	<p>enabling environment.</p> <p><b>Issues for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What factors have shaped the twenty-first century RTAs?</li> <li>▪ What is new in the twenty-first century RTAs – size, configuration, coverage or depth? What are their impacts on developing countries?</li> <li>▪ How do they influence the multilateral trading system both in terms of market access and rule making, and how can one establish organic coherence between these processes?</li> <li>▪ What are the ways forward in making South–South regional integration schemes an effective instrument for inclusive development?</li> <li>▪ How can regulatory harmonization and mutual recognition be addressed under RTAs?</li> <li>▪ What effect can “WTO+” and “WTO-X” provisions (for example, services, investment, competition policy, state-owned enterprises, local content, investor–State dispute, intellectual property rights) have on developing countries and on the multilateral trading system?</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Peter Draper, Senior Research Fellow, South African Institute of International Affairs (via video conference)</li> <li>▪ Mr. Petros Mavroidis, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School</li> <li>▪ Ms. Sanya Reid Smith, Third World Network</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive debate</b></p>
<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Cocktail</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9 December 2014</b>	
<b>10 a.m.–1p.m.</b>	<p><b>Informal meeting 3</b></p> <p><b>Session 3: New regional trade architecture, systemic coherence and development (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Yi Xiaozhun, Deputy Director-General of WTO</li> <li>▪ Ms. Theresa Carpenter, Executive Director, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, The Graduate Institute, Geneva</li> <li>▪ Mr. Jeronim Capaldo, Econometrics and Data Specialist, International Labour Organization/Research Fellow, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University</li> <li>▪ Mr. Song Hong, Deputy Director General and Research Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China</li> <li>▪ Ms. Vera Thorstensen, Professor, Sao Paulo School of Economics</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive debate</b></p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, DITC, UNCTAD</li> </ul>
<b>3–5.45 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Informal meeting 4</b></p> <p><b>Session 4: Future directions – Strengthening the multilateral trading system in the twenty-first century</b></p> <p>It has been argued that multilateral trade disciplines and liberalization approaches need to be adapted to the twenty-first century trade realities, while attention is also required to address “old” trade issues (for example, agricultural subsidies). Recognizing the central role to be played by the multilateral trading system in the post-2015 global partnership for sustainable development, the</p>

	<p>session will examine new and emerging issues facing the multilateral trading system (for example, climate change and green growth, food and energy security, trade and finance) taking into account their systemic and development implications.</p> <p><b><i>Issues for discussion:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are the norms of the multilateral trading system outdated? In what areas is adaptation needed? What are the development and systemic implications?</li> <li>▪ Is there a need to change multilateral trade liberalization approaches in order to respond to the changing structure of international trade (for example, increased trade within global value chains, services)?</li> <li>▪ Is adaptation also needed in the balance of reciprocity and flexibility? What future for special and differential treatment?</li> <li>▪ How best can policy coherence be established between global trade and development governance systems and processes?</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Panellists:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen</li> <li>▪ Mr. Wayne McCook, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica</li> <li>▪ Mr. Jamie Morrison, Senior Economist, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization</li> <li>▪ Mr. Rorden Wilkinson, Professor of Global Political Economy, University of Sussex</li> <li>▪ Mr. Rashid Kaukab, Director, CUTS International, Geneva</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Interactive debate</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Discussants:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Ralf Peters, DITC, UNCTAD</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.45–6 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Closing plenary meeting</b> Adoption of the report of the meeting</p>