

PROGRAMME

Workshop on Enhancing the Development Potential of Services Trade for Least Developed Countries through Preferential Treatment

26 March 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 1.00 p. m.

Palais des Nations, Room XXVI

Chair: Mr. George Riddell, Senior Trade Attaché to the World Trade Organization and the United Nations for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom

- 10–10.15 a.m. **Introductory remarks**
Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD
- 10.15–10.30 a.m. **Importance of market access for service exports of LDCs**
Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director a.i. of Division of International Trade and Commodities (DITC)
- 10.30–10.50 a.m. **Lessons Learned from selected LDCs case-studies**
Mr. Hannes Schloemann, Consultant of DITC, Director of WTI Advisors
- 10.50–11.30 a.m. **Reflections by selected LDCs**
Cambodia: H. E. Mr. Rithi Pich, Ambassador of Cambodia to the World Trade Organization
Nepal: H. E. Mr. Deepak Dhital, Ambassador of Nepal to the United Nations
Senegal: H. E. Mr. Coly Seck, Ambassador of Senegal to the United Nations
Zambia: H. E. Ms. Margret Kaemba, Deputy Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations
- 11.30–11.40 a.m. **Overview of the LDC services waiver process**
Mr. Mostafa Abid Khan, Coordinator of the LDCs group, Minister of the permanent mission of Bangladesh
- 11.40 a.m.–12.50 p.m. **Interactive debate**
- 12.50–13.00 p.m. **Summary of the workshop**
Mr. Bonapas Onguglo, Officer in Charge, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, DITC