

Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 6 October 2015

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10–10.30 a.m.	<p><i>Opening session</i></p> <p><i>Opening remarks</i> Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD</p> <p><i>Introductory remarks</i> Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, DITC, UNCTAD</p>
10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Session 1: Trade and trade policy for achieving Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can trade contribute to sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the post-2015 development agenda? ▪ What kind of trade and other policies, and coherence between them, are needed to make trade-led growth and development more inclusive and sustainable? ▪ What contribution can the multilateral trading system bring to national efforts to redirecting trade policy towards inclusive and sustainable development? ▪ What development outcome should be aimed at the MC10 in Nairobi to ensure conclusion of the Doha Round and its increased contribution to achievement of SDGs? <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Emmanuel Hategeka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Rwanda ▪ Ms. Ontlametse B. Ward, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Botswana ▪ Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Ambassador and Permanent Observer, the African Union ▪ Mr. Raymond Torres, Director, International Institute for Labour Studies, International Labour Organization (ILO) ▪ Mr. Rashid S. Kaukab, Director, CUTS International, Geneva <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Session 2: Towards best-fit trade policy frameworks: Experiences & lessons learnt</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What development challenges confront developing countries with different resource endowments and geographical conditions which require trade policy responses? ▪ What are the salient features of "successful" trade policy mix comprising border and behind-border regulatory measures, as well as domestic and international dimensions?

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10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Session 3: Towards best-fit trade policy frameworks: Experiences & lessons learnt (continued)</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What development challenges confront developing countries with different resource endowments and geographical conditions which require trade policy responses? ▪ What are the salient features of "successful" trade policy mix comprising border and behind-border regulatory measures, as well as domestic and international dimensions? ▪ How can national trade policy optimize the contribution of different economic sectors to the economy (e.g., agriculture, mining, manufactures and services), as well as build productive capacity and create productive employment? ▪ How can trade policy facilitate structural transformation and productive capacity building aimed at diversification and export value addition, bearing in mind national specificities and endowments? ▪ To what extent has national trade policy been implemented in countries? What regulatory and institutional settings are needed to ensure the sustained policy implementation? ▪ What is the role of trade policy on the integration in global and regional value chains? <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Wayne McCook, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica ▪ Mr. Ransford Smith, Former Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat ▪ Mr. Assad Bhuglah, Director, International Trade Division, Mauritius ▪ Mr. Dongwook Chun, Director for Dispute Settlement, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, Republic of Korea ▪ Ms. Katrina Naut, Director-General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dominican Republic ▪ Mr. Lyes Ferroukhi, Director-General for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade, Algeria <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Session 4: Trade policy, the multilateral trading system and regional integration</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the prospects for the Doha Round negotiations towards the establishment of a post Bali work programme and a meaningful development package? ▪ What are the roles of regional and multilateral trade agreements, in the backdrop of 20 years of accumulated experience under the WTO, in the search for best-fit trade policy frameworks including to reduce trade costs? ▪ Can any best practices be identified in developing countries' use of regional integration to boost trade and supply side capacity, such as under CFTA, TFTA and regional economic communities? ▪ What are the implications of evolving international trading system, notably the emergence of Mega RTAs such as TTP and TTIP to developing countries? ▪ What are the implications of RTAs for regulatory frameworks and standards? In this context, what is the role of cooperative frameworks? <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Christopher Onyanga Aparr, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uganda ▪ Mr. Nkopane Monyane, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lesotho ▪ Mrs. Marion Vernese Williams, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Barbados ▪ Mr. Fernando Pimentel, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to WTO ▪ Mr. Tasara Muzorori, Senior Trade Officer, COMESA ▪ Mr. Simon Evenett, University of St. Gallen ▪ Mr. Rashid S. Kaukab, Director, CUTS International, Geneva ▪ Mr. David Vanzetti, Visiting Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
Thursday, 8 October 2015	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<p>Session 5: Trade, Employment and Development</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can trade policy contribute to increased employment? ▪ What is the impact of trade reform in the employment linkages between services and agricultural and manufacturing activities? ▪ In which way do multilateral, plurilateral, regional and mega-regional options for trade liberalization impact differently on employment? ▪ What is the role of the services sector in creating employment, including in high value-added segments? <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Marva Corley-Coulibaly, Senior Economist, Research Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) ▪ Mr. Alan Winters, Professor of Economics, University of Sussex ▪ Mr. David Vanzetti, Visiting Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University ▪ Mr. Johannes Schwarzer, Trade Policy Fellow, Council on Economic Policies, Zurich <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
3–5.30 p.m.	Session 6: Way forward for better formulation and implementation of trade policy frameworks
5.30–6 p.m.	<i>Closing session</i>