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SPECIAL EVENT

LAUNCH OF PUBLICATION: TWENTY YEARS OF INDIA'S LIBERALISATION: EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS

24 APRIL 2012, 12 noon – 2.00 p.m.

BACKGROUND

India's growth miracle over the last two decades has attracted worldwide attention, particularly because this growth has been the result of the wide-ranging economic reforms introduced by India in the early 1990s. One distinctive feature of Indian economic reforms pertaining to trade and financial liberalisation has been the gradual and calibrated manner in which these reforms were introduced. Based on India's experience, some of the issues of discussion, among others, are the implications of some specific reforms with respect to trade and investment liberalisation, the importance of calibrated financial liberalisation, trade liberalisation in agriculture and food security and the role of domestic demand in the growth process.

PURPOSE

An important component of South-South cooperation is sharing of experiences. Based on the experiences of India brought out in the publication, the event will initiate focussed discussions on:

- Liberalisation and its implications on growth and poverty for a developing country; Specific trade and investment reforms and their implications on different sectors of the economy; A pertinent issue discussed will be the role of financial liberalisation in the growth of an economy.
- The discussions will be useful for policymakers of other developing countries, academicians and other stakeholders who are interested in the growth experiences of the South.

OUTCOME

The event is an important step in initiating sharing of experiences on globalisation and learning from each other in the South. It will rekindle debate on issues like the importance of the extent and quality of liberalisation in growth and poverty alleviation in developing countries. Given the ongoing global economic crisis the discussions will also focus on the role of financial liberalisation in the growth process. The discussions and sharing of India's experiences of liberalisation will be useful for policymakers of other developing countries.

ORGANIZATION

The event is hosted jointly by the Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries unit, UNCTAD and the Centre for WTO Studies, India.

AGENDA

Date & time: 24 April 2012 12.00–14.00

Panellists:

- Richard Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD
- Abhijit Das, Centre for WTO Studies.
- Ambassador of India to WTO
- Martin Khor, Head, South Centre
- Ministry of Commerce, Govt of India

DOCUMENTS

The subject of the publication launch, the book *“Twenty Years of India’s Liberalisation: Experiences and Lessons”*.

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