

PROGRAMME OF THE SESSION

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

- 09:00 - 12:30 Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)
- 10:00 - 18:00 Registration of participants
- 15:00 - 15:30 Inaugural session
- Senator Donald H. Oliver (Canada), Member of the IPU Executive Committee
 - Mr. Georgios Papastamkos, Vice-President of the European Parliament
 - Ambassador Shahid Bashir (Pakistan), Chairperson of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body
- 15:30 - 16:30 Presentation of reports and interactive debate on substantive theme
Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
- Rapporteurs**
- Mr. Panacheril C. Chacko, MP (India)
 - Mr. Paul Rübige, Member of the European Parliament
- Discussant**
- Ms. Marion Jansen, Counsellor, WTO Secretariat
- 16:30 - 18:00 Policy dialogue with members of the high-level panel designated by the WTO Director-General to define the future of trade
Analysing 21st century trade challenges
- Moderator**
- Mr. Jörg Leichtfried, Member of the European Parliament
- Panellists**
- Mr. Pradeep Singh Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
 - Ms. Sharan Burrow, Secretary-General of the International Trade Union Confederation
- 18:00 - 19:30 Reception at the WTO
- 20:00 - 22:00 Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

- 10:00 - 11:00 Hearing with the WTO Director-General
- 11:00 - 13:00 Continuation of interactive debate on substantive theme
Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
- 13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00 - 16:30 Panel discussion
Trade in services: time for political decisions
- Panellists**
- Ambassador Fernando De Mateo y Venturini, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the WTO, Chairperson of the Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services
 - Ambassador Joakim Reiter, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO Council for Trade in Services
 - Mr. Niccolò Rinaldi, Member of the European Parliament
 - Mr. Pascal Kerneis, Managing Director, European Services Forum
- 16:30 - 17:30 Conclusion of interactive debate on substantive theme
Trade as a tool of economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation
- 17:30 - 18:00 Closing session: adoption of the outcome document
- Rapporteur**
- Mr. Benoit Ouattara, MP (Burkina Faso)