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What future for the WTO?

Geneva, 13-14 June 2016

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PROGRAMME

Monday, 13 June

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| 10:00 – 12:30 | Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>) |
| 10:00 – 18:00 | Registration of participants |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Krister Örnfjäder, MP (Sweden), Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO• Mr. Bernd Lange, Chairman of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament, Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO• Ambassador Harald Neple, Permanent Representative of Norway to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO General Council |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme <i>Making trade work for development after Nairobi</i>
<u>Rapporteurs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament• Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur, MP (India)• Mr. Helmut Scholz, Member of the European Parliament• Mr. Dennis Dumisani Gamede, MP (South Africa) |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials
<i>WTO in the era of mega-regional trade agreements</i>
<u>Guest Speakers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Daniel Blockert, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO, Chairman of the WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements• Ambassador Marc Vanheukelen, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the WTO• Ambassador Amr Ramadan, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the WTO• Ambassador Junichi Ihara, Permanent Representative of Japan to the WTO• Ambassador Fernando De Mateo Y Venturini, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the WTO <u>Moderator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Bernd Lange, Chairman of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament, Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | <i>Reception at the WTO</i> |

Tuesday, 14 June

- 10:00 – 11:00 Hearing with the WTO Deputy Director-General, **Mr. Karl Brauner**
Post-Nairobi work: reflections on the future of the WTO
- 11:00 – 11:20 Briefing session
Enacting the Trade Facilitation Agreement
Keynote speaker
- **Ms. Nora Neufeld** (WTO Secretariat)
- 11:20 – 13:00 Continuation of interactive debate on the substantive theme
Making trade work for development after Nairobi
- 13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch break*
- 15:00 – 16:30 Panel discussion
Trade as a vehicle of social progress: The gender perspective
Panellists
- **Ms. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf**, MP (Indonesia)
 - **Senator Azam Swat** (Pakistan)
 - **Ms. Arancha González**, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
 - **Ms. Noraini Ahmad**, MP (Malaysia), Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- Moderator
- **Ms. Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**, Member of the European Parliament
- 16:30 – 17:00 Briefing session
The riddles of the WTO dispute settlement system
Keynote speaker
- **Ms. Valerie Hughes** (WTO Secretariat)
- 17:00 – 17:30 Closing session: adoption of the outcome document
Rapporteur
- **Mr. Bernd Lange**, Member of the European Parliament