
BUENOS AIRES SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

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with the support of the National Congress of Argentina
in connection with the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC11)*

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Saturday, 9 December

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| 9:00 – 12:30 | Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee
(<i>in camera meeting</i>) |
| 10:00 – 18:00 | Registration of participants |
| 13: 30 – 14:00 | Photograph at National Congress esplanade |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marta Gabriela Michetti, President of the Senate of Argentina• Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)• Ms. Mairead Mc Guinness, Vice-President of the European Parliament• Ms. Susanna Malcorra, Chairperson of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference• Mr. Jorge Faurie, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina• Ambassador Xavier Carim, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO General Council• Mr. Emilio Monzó, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | <i>Buenos Aires and beyond:</i> Hearing with the WTO Director-General,
Mr. Roberto Azevêdo

<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Krister Örnfjäder , Member of Parliament (Sweden),
Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Presentation of the joint Declaration on Trade and women's economic
empowerment

<u>Presenter:</u> Ms. Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International
Trade Centre (ITC) |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | <i>What can we expect from MC 11?</i>
Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials

<u>Guest Speakers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Stephen Ndung'u Karau, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Special Session (tbc)• Mr. Héctor Marcelo Cima, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Argentina Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Chairperson of the Council for Trade in Services, Special Session• Mr. Wayne McCook, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Chairperson of the Negotiating Group on Rules |

- **Mr. Didier Chambovey**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the World Trade Organization, **Chairperson of the Negotiating Group on Market Access**

Moderator: **Mr. Bernd Lange**, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

19:00 – 20:00

Steering Committee (*in camera meeting*)

20:00 – 22:00

BBQ offered by the National Congress of Argentina
At "Asociación Argentina de Polo" Arevalo 3065, Palermo,
Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires

Sunday, 10 December

9:00 – 11:00

Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme

E-commerce and the internationalization of SMEs

Rapporteurs

- **Ms. Emma McClarkin**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mr. Robert Bapoo Lipo**, Member of Parliament, Cameroon

Discussant:

Moderator

- **Ms. Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**, Member of the European Parliament

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 13:15

Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme
The role of multilateralism in times of rising protectionism

Rapporteurs

- **Mr. Paul Rübig**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Ms. Bogolo Kenewendo**, Member of Parliament, Botswana

Discussant: **Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-general of UNCTAD

Moderator

- **Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur**, Member of Parliament, India

13:15 – 14:00

Adoption of the outcome document and closing session

Rapporteur

- **Senator Federico Pinedo**, Argentina

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch buffet for the participants
(Delia Parodi Room, National Congress of Argentina)