

Invitation to attend Distinguished Lecture

INVESTMENT FACILITATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: TOWARDS MC12

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Abstract

The investment facilitation debate has moved from international investment agreements sphere, back to the World Trade Organization, where it was early listed as part of the so-called “Singapore issues”. In the 11th Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires in December 2017 a Joint Ministerial Statement on Investment Facilitation for Development was issued by 87 WTO members and the structured discussions that have unfolded since.

Currently 70 WTO members (out of the 164) have formally signed on “structured discussions” aimed at identifying what issues and elements could form a basis for a multilateral framework for investment facilitation that they could present at the 12th Ministerial Conference in Kazakhstan in June 2020 (MC12). As part of this effort, WTO members involved have been reviewing concrete examples of different investment facilitation issues raised throughout last year.

These structured discussions have brought investment back into the spotlight, a subject that has a long and complex history, but has only recently re-emerged within the WTO context.

Biography of the Speaker

Mr. Gálvez joined the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980 and had served at the Chilean Embassies in London (economic affairs), Paris (OCDE matters) and Washington (global issues). He has been Ambassador to Finland and Estonia. He has also worked twice at the Chilean Mission to the UN in New York, including as Ambassador, DPR, from 2009 to 2013. Director for Planning, Chief of staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director General for Multilateral and Global Affairs, among other post in Santiago. He has university studies at the Law School in Chile, Oxford University and at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), where he got an MSc on International Relations. Lecturer of Political and International Economic Relations in the Universities of Chile, Catholic of Chile and Central, as well as in the Diplomatic Academy of Chile. He has published articles and essays in different academic Journals and books in Chile.



Mr. Gálvez is currently the Permanent Representative, Mission of Chile to the WTO and Coordinator of the Structured Dialogue on Investment Facilitation for Development.

Participation is free of charge.