



A World Trade Institute Conference on

What Kind of Dispute Settlement for the WTO?

Monday, 4 February 2019 at the World Trade Organization, Geneva Room D

9:20 – 9:30 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Elisa Fornalé, SNSF Professor, World Trade Institute, Bern

9:30 – 11:00 Session 1: How to ensure the independence and impartiality of WTO adjudicators?

Chair: H.E. Mr. Didier Chambovey, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of

Switzerland to the WTO, Geneva

Panelists: Mr. Daniel Crosby, Partner, King & Spalding, Geneva

Mr. Stephen Fevrier, Head of Mission, Permanent Delegation of

Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States to the United Nations, Geneva

Prof. Dr. Petros Mavroidis, Columbia Law School, New York

Mr. Niall Meagher, Executive Director, Advisory Center on WTO Law,

Geneva

Ms. Sara Nordin, Counsel, White & Case, Geneva

Ms. Maria Pereyra, Senior Counsellor, Legal Affairs Division, WTO.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: How to balance prompt settlement with adequate settlement of disputes?

Chair: H.E. Mr. Roberto Zapata Barradas, Ambassador, Permanent

Representative of Mexico to the WTO, Geneva

Panelists: Mr. James Flett, Deputy to the Director of the WTO Team, Legal Service,

European Commission, Brussels

Dr. Christian Häberli, Senior Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, Bern **Mr. Marco Tulio Molina Tejeda**, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent

Representative, Mission of Guatemala to the WTO, Geneva

Ms. Cherise Valles, Deputy Director, Advisory Center on WTO Law,

Geneva

Mr. Alan Yanovich, Partner, Akin Gump, Geneva.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break



14:30 – 16:00 Session 3: How to ensure that dispute settlement contributes to the security and

predictability of the multilateral trading system?

Chair: H.E. Mr. J.S. Deepak, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of India to

the WTO, Geneva

Panelists: Mr. Philippe De Baere, Managing Partner, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels

Prof. Jennifer Hillman (via video call), Georgetown Law Center,

Washington D.C.

Prof. Robert Howse, New York University School of Law, New York **Prof. Dr. em. Ernst Ulrich Petersmann**, European University Institute,

Florence

Mr. Frieder Roessler, former Executive Director, Advisory Center on WTO

Law, Geneva.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Session 4: Has WTO dispute settlement made a useful contribution to the rule of law

and the development of international law?

Chair: Dr. Marion Jansen, Chief Economist, ITC, Geneva

Panelists: Prof. Dr. em. Georges Abi Saab, Graduate Institute, Geneva

Prof. Dr. Gabrielle Marceau, Senior Counsellor, Legal Affairs Division,

WTO

Mr. Nicolas Lockhart, Partner, Sidley, Geneva

Mr. Robert McDougall, Senior Fellow, Centre for International

Governance Innovation, Canada

Prof. Dr. Joseph Weiler (via video call), New York University School of

Law, New York.

18:00 – 18:10 Closing by **Prof. Dr. Michael Hahn**, Director of the Institute for European and

International Economic Law of the University of Bern Law School and Director at the

World Trade Institute, Bern

With special thanks to our sponsors

Akin Gump KING & SPALDING STRAUSS HAUER & FELD

SIDLEY VAN BAEL & BELLIS

WHITE & CASE