

Seminar on LDC priorities in global trade

7 to 9 December 2022 ● Geneva, WTO (Room E)

Day One, 7 December

TIME	SESSION
08:30 – 09:30	Welcome coffee and registration
09:30 – 09:45	Opening session <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shishir Priyadarshi, Director, Development Division, WTO <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDG Xiangchen Zhang, Deputy Director-General • H.E. Ms Kirsti Kauppi, Ambassador of Finland and Chair of the Sub-Committee on LDCs • H.E. Ms Kadra Hassan, Ambassador of Djibouti, LDC Coordinator in the WTO
09:45 – 11:15	Session 1. MC12 outcomes <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shishir Priyadarshi, Director, Development Division, WTO <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Santiago Wills, Director, Council and TNC Division • Ms Stefania Bernabe, Counsellor, Council and TNC Division • Mr Wolf Meier-Ewert, Counsellor, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division • Mr Cedric Pene, Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:00	Session 2. Trade impacts of LDC graduation <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Eunice M. Tembo Luambia, Ambassador of Zambia <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Taufiqur Rahman, Head LDC Development, WTO <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Sufiur Rahman, Ambassador-Designate, Bangladesh • Ms Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (TRALAC), WTO Chair
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:45	Session 3. Evolving trading landscape <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Dmitry Grozoubinski, Executive Director, Geneva Trade Platform, The Graduate Institute <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Marcelo Olarreaga, Professor of Economics, University of Geneva <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Marion Jansen, Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD • Mr Pierre Sauvé, Senior Trade Specialist, World Bank
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
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Session 4. Digital trade opportunities

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- **Mr Talha Mahamat Alim**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Chad

Presentation:

- **Dr Bernard Hoekman**, Professor and Director, Global Economics at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

Discussants:

- **H.E. Mr Tan Hung Seng**, Ambassador, Singapore
- **Ms Alison Hamilton**, Deputy Permanent Representative, New Zealand
- **Mr Omar Cissé**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal

16:15 – 17:30

17:30 – 19:00

Welcome reception

Day Two, 8 December

TIME	SESSION
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 5. Trade development in LDCs - regional perspectives</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rohini Acharya, Chief, Regional Trade Agreements, Trade Policy Review Division <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Melaku Desta, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA • Dr Alexey Kravchenko, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Andrea Giacomelli, Trade Policy and Aid for Trade Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum, Geneva • Mr Abé Talime, Director-General, Ministry of Trade, Togo
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 6. Strengthening LDC capacity to trade</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Kokou Yackoley Johnson, Ambassador of Togo <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Benedicte Fleischer, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway • Mr David Bisbee, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States • Mr Ashish Shah, Director, Division of Country Programmes, ITC
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session 7. LDC views on WTO reform</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Taufiqur Rahman, Head LDC Development, WTO <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Kemvichet Long, Ambassador of Cambodia <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joan Apecu, Counsellor, Council and TNC Division • Mr Niall Meagher, Executive Director, ACWL • Mr Hamid Mamdouh, Senior Counsel, King & Spalding
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
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Session 8. Strengthening negotiating function

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- **H.E. Mr. Muhammadou Kah**, Ambassador of The Gambia

Presentation:

- **Dr André Sapir**, Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles

Discussants:

- **Dr Robert Wolfe**, Professor, Queen's University
- **Mr Xiankun Lu**, Managing Director, LEDECO, Geneva / Founder and CEO, Friends of Multilateralism Group

16:30 – 17:30

Day Three, 9 December

TIME	SESSION
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 9. Strengthening transparency and monitoring</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Billy Kunda Malijani, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Zambia <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Remco Vahl, Minister Counsellor, European Union • Dr Gabrielle Marceau, Counsellor, WTO Secretariat
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 10. Strengthening dispute settlement</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Daniel Pruzin, WTO Spokesperson <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Petros Mavroidis, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr James Bacchus, Professor of Global Affairs and Director of the Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity at the University of Central Florida. • Dr Peter Van den Bossche, Director of Studies and Professor of International Economic Law, World Trade Institute, University of Bern.
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00	<p>A roundtable on LDC priorities</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Kadra Hassan, Ambassador of Djibouti, LDC Coordinator in the WTO <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Kemvichet Long, Ambassador of Cambodia • Mr Omar Cissé, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal • Mr Assan Touray, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of The Gambia • Ms Brenda Bvalani, Trade Attache, Permanent Mission of Malawi
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Taufiqur Rahman, Head LDC Development, WTO