



THE FUTURE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM: POST-BALI PERSPECTIVES

SYMPOSIUM

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Venue

**Graduate Institute Geneva
Auditorium Jacques Freymond
Rue de Lausanne 132
Geneva, Switzerland**

FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2014



FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2014 – MORNING SESSION

COFFEE ON ARRIVAL

8.45 onwards

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9.00

Welcome and opening remarks:

- **Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrugghe**, Belgian Mission to the WTO
- **Professor Richard Baldwin**, Graduate Institute
- **Professor Thomas Cottier**, World Trade Institute

Keynote speech by WTO DG Roberto Azevêdo, World Trade Organization (t.b.c.)

Session 1:

Delivering on Doha: is Bali the new beginning?

Facilitator: Senior Belgian high-level official, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (t.b.c.)

- **Ambassador Angelos Pangratis**, Permanent Mission EU to the WTO
- **Professor Simon Evenett**, University of St Gallen
- **Professor Richard Baldwin**, Graduate Institute, Geneva

Open Discussion

COFFEE BREAK

Session 2:

Multilateralism at multiple speeds: what place for plurilaterals in the global trading system?

Facilitator: professor Joe Francois, World Trade Institute

- **Professor Gabrielle Marceau**, World Trade Organisation
- **Professor Jean-Frédéric Moran**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- *One further speaker to be added*

Open Discussion

FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2014 – AFTERNOON SESSION

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Session 3:

The WTO in the green era: what trade response to urgent environmental problems?

Facilitator: Former WTO DDG Alejandro Jara, King & Spalding

- Prof. Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute
- Dr. Ricardo Melendez, International Centre for Sustainable Trade and Development
- *One further speaker to be added*

Open Discussion

COFFEE BREAK

Session 4:

The WTO in the digital era: trade meets technology, but do trade rules too?

Facilitator: *TBD*

- Mrs. Lee Tuthil, World Trade Organization
- Prof. Mira Burri, World Trade Institute
- Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, European Centre for International Political Economy
- *One further speaker to be added*

Open Discussion



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