**THE Sixth south-south DIALOGUE ON ldcs AND DEVELOPMENT**

28-29 September 2023, Lausanne (TBC), Switzerland

***TENTATIVE PROGRAMME[[1]](#footnote-1)***

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| TIME | SESSION | |
| **Day One: 28 September 2023** | |
| **15:00** | **Arrival of participants** |
| **16:30 – 17:00** | **Welcome coffee** |
| **17:00 – 17:30** | **Opening session**  *Keynote address:*   * **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala,** WTO Director-General   *Opening statements:*   * **H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan**, Ambassador, Djibouti, LDC Coordinator * **H.E. Mr. Chenggang Li**, Ambassador, People's Republic of China |
| **17.30 -18.00** | **Photo session** |
| **18:00-19:30** | **Session 1: Trade priorities for MC13**  This session will explore negotiating priorities ahead of MC13. It will provide a forum for members to exchange views and ideas on possible deliverables for MC13. It will also offer opportunity to LDC delegations to highlight issues of interest to them.  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Dr. Cleopa Kilonzo Mailu**, Ambassador, Kenya   *Speakers:*   * **H.E. Dr. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme**, Ambassador, Botswana, General Council Chair * **H.E. Mr. Einar Gunnarsson,** Ambassador, Iceland * **H.E. Mr. Alparslan Acarsoy**, Ambassador, Türkiye |
| **19:45** | **Dinner** |
| **Day Two: 29 September 2023** | |
| **09:30 – 10:30** | **Session 2: LDC trade priorities**  This session will offer an opportunity to highlight the current trade priorities of the LDC Group, including LDC graduation, LDC views on WTO reform and future trade support to LDCs.  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Ms. Eunice M. Tembo Luambia**, Ambassador, Zambia   *Speakers:*   * **H.E. Mr Sufiur Rahman**, Ambassador, Bangladesh * **H.E. Mr. Muhammadou Kah**, Ambassador, The Gambia * **H.E. Mr. Kokou Yackoley Johnson**, Ambassador, Togo |
| **10:30 – 11:00** | **Coffee break** |
| **11:00 – 12:30** | **Session 3: Boosting trade and development in the WTO**  This session will build on the informal meeting on WTO reform focused on development. It will discuss how to strengthen WTO's development dimension, so that it can work better for addressing the evolving trade and development needs of its members.  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Dr José Sánchez Fung,** Ambassador, Dominican Republic   *Speakers:*   * **H.E. Ms. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter**, Ambassador, South Africa * **H.E. Mr. João Aguiar Machado**, Ambassador, European Union * **H.E. Mr. Brajendra Navnit**, Ambassador, India * **H.E. Ms. Maria Pagan**, United States |
| **12:30-14:00** | **Lunch break** |
| **14:00 – 15:30** | **Session 4: Supporting LDC integration into digital trade**  The sessions will discuss the opportunities and challenges LDCs face in tapping into the opportunities offered by digital trade. It will take stock of the discussions on e-commerce in the WTO and explore ways of supporting LDCs in fully realizing digital trade potential.  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Ms. Pimchanok Pitfield,** Ambassador, Thailand   *Speakers:*   * **H.E. Mr. Tan Hung Seng,** Ambassador, Singapore * **H.E. Ms. Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady**, Ambassador, Mauritius * **H.E. Mr. George Mina,** Ambassador, Australia |
| **15:30 – 16:00** | **Closing Session**   * **DDG Mr. Xiangchen Zhang**, Deputy Director-General, WTO * **H.E. Ms Kadra Ahmed Hassan,** Ambassador, Djibouti, LDC Coordinator * **Ms. Yihong Li,** Deputy Permanent Representative, People's Republic of China |
| **16:00 – 16:30** | **Coffee** |

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1. Speakers to be confirmed [↑](#footnote-ref-1)