**LDC priorities in global trade**

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**7-9 December 2022, Geneva, WTO, Room E**

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| **Day 1 – evolving trading landscape** | |
| 08.30 – 09.30 | Welcome coffee and registration |
| 09.30 – 09.45 | **Opening ceremony**  *Moderator:*   * **Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi**, Director, Development Division, WTO   *Speakers:*   * **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**  *Moderator:*   * **Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi**, Director, Development Division, WTO   *Speakers:*   * **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**  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Ms. Eunice M. Tembo Luambia**, Ambassador of Zambia   *Presentation:*   * **Mr. Taufiqur Rahman**, Head LDC Development, WTO   *Discussants:*   * **H.E. Mr. Sufiur Rahman**, Ambassador of Bangladesh * **Dr. Daniel Gay**, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch |
| 14.30 – 15.45 | **Session 3. Evolving trading landscape**  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Mr Kemvichet Long**, Ambassador of Cambodia   *Presentation:*   * **Dr. Marcelo Olarreaga**, Professor of Economics, University of Geneva   *Discussants:*   * **Ms. Julia Nielson**, Deputy Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD * **Mr. Pierre Sauvé**, Senior Trade Specialist, World Bank |
| 15.45 – 16.15 | Coffee break |
| 16.15 – 17.30 | **Session 4. Digital trade opportunities**  *Moderator:*   * **Mr. Omar Cissé**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal   *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 * **Dr. Deborah Elms,** Founder and Executive Director of the Asian Trade Centre |
| 17.30 – 19.00 | Welcome reception |
|  | **Day 2** |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | **Session 5. Trade development in LDCs - regional perspectives**  *Moderator:*   * **Ms. Rohini Acharya**, Chief, Regional Trade Agreements, Trade Policy Review Division   *Presentation:*   * **Dr. Melaku Desta,** Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA * **Dr. Alexey Kravchenko**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP   *Discussants:*   * Representative AU office in Geneva   **Mr. Andrea Giacomelli**, Trade Policy and Aid for Trade Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum, Geneva. |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | **Session 6. Strengthening LDC capacity to trade**  *Presentation:*   * EIF Options paper consultant (TBC)   *Discussants:*   * **H.E. Mr. Kokou Yackoley Johnson,** Ambassador of Togo, EIF Board Chair * **Ms. Benedicte Fleischer**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway, EIF Board Member. |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch |
| 14.30 – 16.00 | **Session 7. LDC views on WTO reform**  *Moderator:*   * **Ms. Alicia Greenidge**, CEO, Summit Alliance International   *Presentation:*   * **H.E. Mr Kemvichet Long**, Ambassador of Cambodia   *Discussants:*   * **Mr. Niall Meagher**, Executive Director, ACWL * **Mr. David Bisbee**, Deputy Permanent Representative, United States |
| 16.00 - 16.30 | Coffee break |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | **Session 8. Strengthening negotiating function**  *Moderator:*   * **Ms. Joan Apecu,**Counsellor, Council and TNC Division   *Presentation:*   * **Dr. André Sapir,** Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles   *Discussants:*   * **Dr. Robert Wolfe,** Professor, Queen's University * **Mr Xiankun Lu**, Managing Director, LEDECO, Geneva |
|  | **Day 3** |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | **Session 9. Strengthening transparency and monitoring**  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Mr. Muhammadou Kah**, Ambassador of The Gambia   *Presentation:*   * **Dr. Simon Evenett,** Professor of International Trade and Economic Development,University of St. Gallen   *Discussants:*   * **Mr. Remco Vahl,** Minister Counsellor, European Union * **Mr. Billy Kunda Malijani,** First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Zambia |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | **Session 10. Strengthening dispute settlement**  *Moderator:*   * **Dr. Gabrielle Marceau**, Senior Counsellor, WTO Secretariat   *Presentation*   * **Dr. Petros Mavroidis**, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School   *Discussants:*   * **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 | **A roundtable on LDC priorities**  *Moderator:*   * **H.E. Ms. Kadra Hassan, Ambassador of Djibouti**, LDC Coordinator in the WTO   *Speakers:*   * **H.E. Kemvichet Long,** Ambassador of Cambodia * **Mr. Omar Cissé,** Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal * **Mr. Assan Touray,** First Secretary, Permanent Mission of The Gambia * **Mr. Buddhi Prasad Upadhyaya,** Deputy Permanent Representative, Nepal |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | **Closing session**   * **H.E. Mr. Kokou Yackoley Johnson**, Ambassador of Togo, EIF Board Chair * **Mr. Taufiqur Rahman,** Head LDC Development, WTO |

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