



After over 12 years of negotiating the Doha Round, it is clear that there is a need to bring the global trade system more fully into the twenty-first century. More needs to be done to enhance its role in development if trade is to fulfil its potential as a source of inclusive and sustainable prosperity. One of the principal challenges for the global trade system is to adjust to new realities in order to achieve its goals in an increasingly uncertain and vulnerable global environment, both in terms of social and environmental sustainability. The purpose of this session is to explore why the WTO, designed at the end of 20th century, has not been able to achieve its goals with respect to linking trade and development and to provide possible solutions.



Trade and Development Symposium

Identifying and addressing the trade
and trade rules that are needed for
inclusive and sustainable
development

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Hibiscus Room, Bali Nusa Dua Convention
(BNDCC) Bali, Indonesia

Key Questions

Invited speakers will address the following questions in their presentations

- What are the lessons from the WTO-led multilateral process and how can we use it to move forward?
- Is it possible for the WTO to better participate in addressing world problems and improving global governance?
- Should emerging Asian trading powers (in BRICS) assume a larger role in multilateral trading system, and how will that benefit developing countries, and in particular least-developed ones?
- If there is no progress on the formulation of new disciplines, will WTO be able to retain its authority in dispute settlements?

❖ Speakers

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Dr Mia Mikic, Chief, Trade Policy and Analysis Section, Trade and Investment Division, UN ESCAP

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❖ Moderator

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