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ICTSD at the WTO's Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade

1-2 JULY 2015



ICTSD is pleased to welcome you to two events it will be participating in at the WTO's Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade. ICTSD will also have a promotional booth on site at the venue, so please feel free to come by to learn more about our latest research, periodicals, and events. If you would like to attend the event, you must register on the WTO [website](#). If you are unable to attend, please join the sessions via webcast at the links to the sessions below.

[Aid for Trade in support of Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Side event 27, 2 July 2015, 11:00-13:00, Room E – WTO

Organised by: ICTSD and the Government of Canada

Targeting Aid for Trade in support of inclusive and sustainable growth will ensure policy coherence and reinforce the added value and impact of Aid for Trade. The objective of the event is to highlight the need for a coherent and comprehensive sustainable development approach to Aid-for-Trade strategizing and planning and to demonstrate ways in which Aid for Trade can support the achievement of the SDGs.

The session will open with a detailed mapping of the linkages between trade and the post-2015 development agenda and how trade could be brought into play in support of the SDGs. Using specific goals as the starting point,

two specific projects from Africa and from the Pacific will demonstrate how aid for trade projects (on trade facilitation and infrastructure) contribute to food security and access to modern and affordable energy. Secondly, guidance and concrete examples on how aid for trade projects can be “screened” to ensure that they are sustainable from both an environment and a social perspective will be provided.

Panellists

- Ms. Alice Tipping, Senior Programme Officer, Environment and Natural Resources, ICTSD
- Mr. Amadou Tall, International Expert in Fish and Fishery Products
- Ms. Vicky Poole, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the OECD, Paris
- Ms. Caroline Kende-Robb, Executive Director, Africa Progress Panel
- Ms. Liesbeth Casier, Researcher, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Patrick Kanyimbo, Principal Regional Integration Officer, Regional Integration & Trade Division, African Development Bank

Moderator: Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer, ICTSD

[Reducing Trade Costs for LDCs' Services Trade Development](#)

Plenary session 14, 1 July 2015, 16:30-18:00, Room CR – WTO

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Relative to merchandise goods, services have received less attention from economists and policymakers. This is starting to change. Recent initiatives have gathered services experts to discuss how trade policy can best promote the contribution of services to growth and development (ICTSD), or have provided capacity building support for LDC delegates regarding services challenges and negotiations (ITC). Increasingly, the potential of the services sector as a driver of economic growth in developing countries is being recognised. Additionally, services trade can play an important role for sustainable development, including poverty reduction and economic empowerment of women; key objectives in the UN's emerging Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Panellists

- Dr. Bernard Hoekman, Professor and Program Director, Global Economics at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
- Mr. Rogers Karebi, Secretary General and Founding Member, Uganda BPO Association
- Ms. Rezwana Khan, Director and Chief Operating Officer, Star Computer Systems Ltd.
- Mr. Darlington Mwape, Senior Fellow, ICTSD
- Ms. Myat Su, Businesswoman, Silk Road to Asia Travels and Tours Company Ltd, Myanmar

Moderator: Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least-developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States

ICTSD research, events, and news

Research and publications

4 November 2014

[A Simulation Analysis of India's Duty-Free Trade Preference Scheme: A focus on African LDCs](#)

By NCAER

29 October 2014

[Deepening India's Engagement with the LDCs: An in-depth Analysis of India's Duty-free Tariff Preference Scheme](#)

By Vinay Dey Ancharaz, Paolo Ghisu

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Geneva, Switzerland

3 July 2015

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8-9 July 2015

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17 June 2015

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