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ICTSD at the 2015 WTO Public Forum

ICTSD EVENTS – 30 SEPTEMBER-2 OCTOBER 2015



ICTSD would be pleased to welcome you to six events it will be participating in at this year's WTO Public Forum in Geneva (details below). ICTSD will also be hosting a catered reception on Thursday, 8 October that will serve as an information session for this December's Trade and Development Symposium in Nairobi. Information and a registration centre will also be available at ICTSD's booth, which will be located in the WTO Atrium for the duration of the event. If you would like to attend any of these events at the Forum, you must register with the WTO on site at the event. If you are unable to attend, sessions noted below will be webcast live.

[WTO@20: Trade Rules and Domestic Regulation—Now What?](#)

30 September 2015, 16:00-17:30, Room E, WTO

*** WEBCAST**

Organised by: ICTSD, EUI, and WEF

Trade integration is increasingly a matter of addressing the effect that regulatory policies have in segmenting national markets. Differences in regulation across markets increase costs for firms and thus act as a barrier to trade. For trade to continue to work for everyone the WTO will need to focus more on the interface between trade and regulatory policies. This panel will discuss current thinking and research on the design of international regulatory cooperation, recent developments and initiatives that have been taken in this regard, and the need and scope for the WTO to devote more attention to regulating regulation.

Panellists

- Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, ICTSD
- Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Director of Global Economics: Multilateral Cooperation and Policy Spillovers, EUI
- Mr. Petros C. Mavroidis, Professor of EU and WTO Law, University of Neuchâtel and Columbia Law School
- Ms. Beverley Postma, Executive Director, Food Industry Asia (FIA)
- Ms. Vera Helena Thorstensen, Professor, Getulio Vargas Foundation

[Climate and Energy Matters in Trade Agreements: Options for TTIP?](#)

1 October 2015, 17:00-18:30, Room B, WTO

Organised by: ICTSD and Ecologic Institute

Several recent regional trade agreements include provisions on clean energy and on climate action. They may take the form of concrete commitments of reductions of tariffs or non-tariff barriers, or of commitments on institutional collaboration. Many RTAs further contain institutional provisions which are also of relevance to the implementation of existing environmental, including climate-related, commitments. As such, they constitute important opportunities for trade policy to contribute concretely and positively to a scale-up of clean energy and to fostering climate action. This session will explore experiences from various RTAs to draw lessons with regard to the potential risks and benefits of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in relation to climate mitigations and enhanced use of renewable energies. TTIP will also be put in the context of international energy trade governance.

Panellists

- Mr. Markus W. Gehring, Deputy Director, Centre for European Legal Studies
- Ms. Christiane Gerstetter, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute
- Ms. Ingrid Jegou, Senior Programme Manager, ICTSD
- Ms. Lena Johansson, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce, Sweden
- Mr. Jan Gerrit Westerhof, European Commission, DG TRADE

[Trade Works through Innovative Partnerships for the Implementation of the 2030](#)

[Agenda](#)

1 October 2015, 17:00 - 18:30, Room W, WTO

*** WEBCAST**

Organised by ICTSD and Global Social Observatory

This session will highlight how partnerships can support sustainable development goals, in areas such as agriculture, food security, nutrition and health, and empower women and girls, by harnessing the power of trade, global value chains and a rules-based trading environment. Participants will have a better understanding of the opportunities as well as the challenges for different kinds of partnerships, including multi-stakeholder partnerships involving NGOs and other civil society groups, the private sector, governments and international organizations, and their role in making trade work for inclusive and sustainable development.

Panellists

- Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, ICTSD
- Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue
- Mr. Roberto Vega, Head of Product & Smallholder Policy, Syngenta
- Mr. Thomas Bombelles, Head of Global Health in the Global Challenges Division, WIPO
- Ms. Katherine Hagen, Global Social Observatory

[Leveraging Services for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development](#)

1 October 2015, 17:00-18:30, Room S2, WTO

Organised by: ICTSD and Permanent Mission of Australia

Building on a recent regional dialogue in Nairobi, this session will examine how enhancements in supply-side capacity in services sectors can contribute to inclusive growth and sustainable development in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs).

Panellists

- Mr. Hamish McCormick, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Australia in Geneva
- Mr. Vinaye Dey Ancharaz, Senior Development Economist, ICTSD
- Ms. Sherry M. Stephenson, Senior Fellow, ICTSD
- Mr. Darlington Mwape, Senior Fellow, ICTSD

- Ms. Chawe Chuulu, Senior Advisor, COMESA

Fostering Regional Integration through Regional Value Chains: Perspectives from Southern Africa

2 October 2015, 09:00-10:30, Room S1, WTO

*** WEBCAST**

Organised by: ICTSD and Government of Finland

In the context of sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this session will focus on how integrating into Global and Regional Value Chains can contribute towards sustainable development - in particular, the challenges and opportunities for women in GVCs. Following an introduction on GVCs and sustainable development, the session will present practical experiences and evidence from Southern Africa, assessing the contribution of value chain participation to specific sustainable development objectives and highlighting the complex inter-relationships between regional value chains and regional trade integration.

Panellists

- Ms. Päivi Kairamo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland in Geneva
- Mr. Vinay Dey Ancharaz, Senior Development Economist, ICTSD
- Mr. Darlington Mwape, Senior Fellow, ICTSD
- Ms. Johanna Silvander, Researcher, International Labour Organisation
- Mr. Mike Morris, Director, Policy Research on International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM), and Professor of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Mr. Ruben Phoolchund, Chief, Office of Africa, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Making Digital Trade Work for All:

Seizing Opportunities, Addressing Challenges

2 October 2015, 10:30-12:00, Room S2, WTO

*** WEBCAST**

Organised by ICTSD

Digitalisation has profoundly impacted how "trade works." Digital solutions are now used to sell and deliver products and services, while businesses move data across borders as an intrinsic part of their daily operations. This was not the case twenty years ago when the WTO was established and the digital economy was still in its infancy. This session will explore the key barriers and constraints faced by businesses engaged in digital trade and how trade rules could be improved to address 21st Century challenges.

Panellists

- Mr. Andrew Crosby, Managing Director for Communications and Strategy, ICTSD
- Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC)
- Ms. Rosa Delgado, ICT Strategy Expert, VIP Consultants
- Ms. Michael Kende, Chief Economist, Internet Society
- Mr. Julian Braithewaite, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the UK Mission in Geneva
- Mr. Hosuk Lee Makiyama, Director, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)

Reception:

The Nairobi Trade and Development Symposium

1 October 2015, 12:00-13:00, Salle des Pas-Perdus, WTO

Organised by ICTSD

ICTSD would like to welcome all those who plan to be in Nairobi in December to attend this information session reception on the largest event held alongside the WTO's Tenth Ministerial Conference. This catered event will provide a summary of confirmed partners, issue areas, and sessions. Join us to learn more and register for this unique multi-stakeholder event!

Speakers

- Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, ICTSD



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Research and publications

September 2015

[Japanese Agriculture Trade Policy and Sustainable Development](#)

by Kazuhito Yamashita

September 2015

[The 2014 US Farm Bill and its Effects on the World Market for Cotton](#)

by Christian Lau, Simon Schropp, and Daniel A. Sumner

September 2015

[How could Mega-Regional Trade Negotiations Affect Agricultural and Food Trade?](#)

by Remy Jurenas

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Events

24-25 September 2015

[Leveraging Services Potential for Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth](#)

Nairobi, Kenya

29 September 2015

[Talking Disputes | The Peru - Agricultural Products Dispute](#)

Geneva, Switzerland

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News and analysis

18 September 2015

[Reflections on global economic governance at the “start of a new era”](#)

By Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz

Bridges Trade BioRes

17 September 2015

[Australian Leadership Reshuffle Sparks Questions on Possible Policy Shifts](#)

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