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What future for the WTO?

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 13 June

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| 10:00 – 12:30 | Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>) |
| 10:00 – 18:00 | Registration of participants |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Krister Örnfjäder, MP (Sweden), Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO• Mr. Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vice-President of the European Parliament [<i>tbc</i>]• Ms. Amina C. Mohamed Jibril, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Kenya), Chairperson of the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference [<i>tbc</i>]• Ambassador Harald Neple, Permanent Representative of Norway to the WTO, Chairperson of the WTO General Council |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme <i>Making trade work for development after Nairobi</i>
<u>Rapporteurs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament• Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur, MP (India)• Mr. Helmut Scholz, Member of the European Parliament• Mr. Dennis Dumisani Gamede, MP (South Africa) [<i>tbc</i>] |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials
<i>WTO in the era of mega-regional trade agreements</i>
<u>Guest Speakers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Amr Ramadan, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the WTO, Chairman of the WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements [<i>tbc</i>]• Ambassador Marc Vanheukelen, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the WTO• Ambassador Daniel Blockert, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO, former Chairman of the WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements• Ambassador Junichi Ihara, Permanent Representative of Japan to the WTO [<i>tbc</i>] <u>Moderator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Bernd Lange, Chairman of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament, Co-Chairman of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | <i>Reception at the WTO</i> |
| 20:00 – 22:00 | Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>) |

Tuesday, 14 June

- 10:00 – 11:00 Hearing with the WTO Director-General, **Mr. Roberto Azevêdo**
Post-Nairobi work: reflections on the future of the WTO
- 11:00 – 13:00 Continuation of interactive debate on the substantive theme
Making trade work for development after Nairobi
- 13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00 – 16:15 Panel discussion
Trade as a vehicle of social progress: The gender perspective
Panellists
- **Ms. Amina C. Mohamed Jibril**, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Kenya), Chairperson of the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference [*tbc*]
 - **Ms. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf**, MP (Indonesia)
 - **Mr. Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kono**, MP (Cameroon)
 - **Ms. Arancha González**, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
- Moderator
- **Ms. Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**, Member of the European Parliament
- 16:15 – 16:45 Keynote presentation
Best practices: Trade-related capacity building
Special guest
- **Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [*tbc*]
- 16:45 – 17:30 Briefing session
The riddles of the WTO dispute settlement system
- 17:30 – 18:00 Closing session: adoption of the outcome document