



International Centre for Trade  
and Sustainable Development



***ROUNDTABLE ON TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
CHALLENGES IN A NEW CONTEXT***

**24 February 2009, MIE 2 (Room Rhone)**

**Context**

This activity is a follow-up to the meeting held in Barcelona in May 2008 that resulted in the creation of a “Global Network on Trade and Sustainable Development.” This initiative was launched by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the International Chair WTO/Regional Integration (University of Barcelona).

The Global Research Network was created with the aim of:

- Contributing to improving the functioning of the system of international trade and investment relations, and in particular how it deals with the growing number of developing country members;
- Contributing to reducing the risk of excluding a great number of developing countries from the main institutions and processes of international trade and investment;
- Promoting innovative and policy-oriented research and debate on the complex set of international agreements and institutions, focusing in particular on their interactions and their effects on trade and sustainable development.
- Producing and disseminating materials to be used in training activities related to trade and sustainable development;
- Promoting the interaction among individuals and existing networks (in all countries and regions) who are interested in trade and sustainable development.
- Creating a network in which both developed and developing country researchers participate actively; and
- Helping to bridge the gap between the academic and the policy communities.

On 24 February, ICTSD will receive 24 international students and researchers from the Masters programme on International Economic and Law Policy (IELPO) of the University of Barcelona and will discuss in a round table format issues related to the

main trade and sustainable development challenges in the Doha Round and other processes (i.e UNFCCC, WHO, WIPO, FAO), the linkages between trade and climate change, and Intellectual Property and development concerns.

## **Objectives**

To follow up on the Global Network's activities by pursuing the debate on trade and sustainable development challenges among researchers and future policy makers or academics.

The round table will be composed by on one hand by ICTSD's staff which will be representing ICTSD's Programme Team, the Global Platform on Climate Change, ICTSD's regional periodicals team and the Intellectual Property Programme. On the other hand, the round table will have the participation of 24 selected students and researchers from the Masters programme on International Economic and Law Policy of the University of Barcelona.

## **Agenda**

Chairman: Adriana Verdier, ICTSD

4:00 – 4:15: Empowering stakeholders through knowledge and dialogue: the role of ICTSD, David Vivas.

4:15 – 4:30: The Doha Round, Sustainable Development, Trineesh Biswas, ICTSD

4:30 – 4:45 ICTSD Periodicals: empowering stakeholders in different regions, Adriana Verdier and Perla Buenrostro, ICTSD

4:45 – 5:00: Addressing the linkages between trade and climate change: the Global Platform on Climate Change, Marie Chamay, ICTSD

5:00 – 5:15 Intellectual property and development concerns, Ahmed Abdel Latif, ICTSD

5:30 – 6:00 Questions and answers