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International Centre for Trade
and Sustainable Development

The Role of Open Markets and the WTO in the Current Economic Crisis

World Trade Organization (WTO) – Room CR11

11 June 2009, 13:00 - 15:00

As part of World Trade Week UK, the United Kingdom Mission in Geneva and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), are pleased to invite you to an informal dialogue on The Role of Open Markets and the WTO in the Current Economic Crisis.

Please note that Chatham House Rules will apply.

Lead Panellists:

- Ms. Claire Durkin, UK Director for Europe, International Trade and Development: “The Role of Trade Openness & Liberalisation”
- Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Executive Director, Enhanced Integrated Framework, Geneva “Assisting Developing Countries fully integrate into Global Markets”
- Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, ICTSD: “WTO and Global Sustainability”
- Ms. Patricia Francis, Executive Director, International Trade Centre, ITC) “The role played by the private sector in harnessing Aid for Trade”
- Mr. Alejandro Jara, DDG, WTO: “The Future Role of WTO”

Lead Discussants:

- Prof. Jean-Pierre Lehmann, IMD, Lausanne
- Prof. Joost Pauwelyn, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva

World Trade Week UK aims to highlight the importance of global trade in creating jobs and growth. Through a series of events in the UK and at UK Embassies and Consulates overseas, World Trade Week UK will bring together businesses, NGOs, think tanks, business organisations and policy makers. Through varied and innovative activities, the focus will be on discussing and showcasing the positive benefits of open trade and how both developed and developing countries can work together towards realising an economic recovery and ensure that trade continues to contribute to poverty alleviation.

Light refreshments will be provided outside of the Conference Room from 12:30.

Please note refreshments cannot be consumed in the Conference Room.

If you would like to attend, please kindly register by email or fax until 8 June 2009 with Ms. Cécile de Gardelle at cdegardelle@ictsd.ch or fax no. +41-22-917 8093.

Further details on World Trade Week can be found at:
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