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The ACP Geneva Office, the Roosevelt Institute and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Geneva Office are kindly inviting you to participate in

a Working Session on the 2015 WTO Public Forum on

## **“Trade works...IF”**

### **What does it take to make trade work for development?**

**held 1 October 2015, 9:00-10:30 at Room S1, WTO**

Trade can be a vehicle for growth, development and poverty reduction. The mere increase of integration into the global economy does not, however, automatically or easily produce a greater developmental impact. Trade works *if* developing countries can fully harness the opportunities coming with trade and minimize its potential disadvantages. Decision makers have to work in a variety of policy fields simultaneously and complementary to provide the solid ground for economic and social development.

The session will not attempt to cover the whole range of policies that contributes or detracts from the developmental benefits of trade but put a spotlight on the following key questions:

- What can be done to promote a fair distribution of income and decent work within global supply chains? (e.g. G7 Supply Chain Initiative)
- What measures are to be put in place to reduce the illicit outflows of funds from developing countries, Africa in particular, through trade mispricing?
- How could a reform of international corporate taxation lead to a bigger share for developing countries?
- How can the integration into global value chains be used to foster the structural transformation of developing economies?
- Does the impact of trade on income inequality matter for the acceptance of an open trading regime?

Speakers include

- ❖ His Excellency Mr. **Marwa Joel Kisiri** (Head, ACP Geneva Office) and Mr. **Hubert René Schillinger** (Director, FES Geneva Office) for the welcoming remarks,
- ❖ Mr. **Adam Hersh** (Senior Economist, Roosevelt Institute – academic),
- ❖ Mr. **Dereje Alemayehu** (Chair, Global Alliance for Tax Justice– NGO), and
- ❖ Ms. **Tausi Kida** (Executive Director, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania – academic) on the panel as well as
- ❖ Mr. **Nicholas Shaxson** (journalist) as the chair