



## Information seminar on international trade policy for English-speaking journalists from Africa and Asia

11 – 15 April 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland

### Monday, 11 April 2016

Venue: FES Geneva office, ILO and ITC

9:30-10:20	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Hubert René Schillinger, Director, FES Geneva Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, FES Geneva
10:20-11:00	<b>Going to the ILO and security check</b>
11:00-12:15	<b>Employment and Trade Agreements: a critical relationship</b> Christian Viegelahn, Economist, Research Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)
12:15-13:45	Lunch Break
13:45-15:00	<b>Transforming economies: Capabilities for productive transformation</b> Irmgard Nübler, Senior Economist, Research Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)
15:00-15:45	<b>Going to the ITC and security check</b>
15:45-17:30	<b>The State of Sustainable Markets: the Role and Impact of Voluntary and Sustainability Standards</b> Gregory Sampson, Market Analyst, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre (ITC)
Afterwards	Enjoy the evening at your free disposal



## Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Venue: World Trade Organization

9:30-11:00	<b>Overview: The WTO in the Post Nairobi Environment</b> Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	<b>Nairobi Ministerial Conference</b> Victor do Prado, Director, Council and TNC Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	<b>Video “Trade Works” and group discussion</b> Ankai Xu, Information Officer, World Trade Organization (WTO)
14:30-14:45	Coffee Break
14:45-15:45	<b>Global Value Chains</b> Antonia Diakantoni, Counsellor, Trade Policy Review Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Agriculture Negotiations</b> Diwakar Dixit, Economic Affairs Officer, Agriculture Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)



## Wednesday, 13 April 2016

Venue: World Trade Organization

9:30-11:00	<b>Dispute Settlement</b> Jorge Castro, Counsellor and Dean Merriman, Dispute Settlement Lawyer Legal Affairs Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	<b>Trade Facilitation</b> Sheri Rosenow, Counsellor, Market Access Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:30	<b>Meeting with WTO Ambassador Xavier Carim</b> Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO
14:45-15:45	<b>Development and Aid-for-Trade</b> Hans-Peter Werner, Counsellor, Development Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
As of 16:00	<b>Time to conduct individual interviews</b>



## Thursday, 14 April 2016

Venue: World Trade Organization

10:00-11:00	<b>Information Technology Agreement</b> Suja Rishikesh, Director, Market Access Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
11:15-12:15	<b>Meeting with WTO Ambassador Michael Punke</b> Permanent Representative of the United States to the WTO
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	<b>Meeting with WTO Ambassador Esteban Conejos</b> Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the WTO
14:45-15:45	<b>Regional Trade Agreements</b> Rohini Acharya, Head, Regional Trade Agreements Section, World Trade Organization (WTO)
16:00-17:00	<b>Meeting with Deputy Director-General Karl Brauner</b> Deputy Director-General of the WTO



## Friday, 15 April 2016

Venue: Palais des Nations and FES Geneva Office

10:00-11:30	<p><b>Reshaping the Investment Regime: prospects for developing countries</b></p> <p>Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer, International Investment Agreements' Section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p>
11:30-12:45	<p><b>Unlocking the Potential of e-Commerce: the Aid for E-Trade Initiative</b></p> <p>Cécile Barayre El-Shami, Economic Affairs Officer, ICT analysis section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p>
12:45-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Food security and International Trade: Risk, Trust and Rules</b></p> <p><b>Introducing the work of UNRSID</b></p> <p>Paul Ladd, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)</p> <p><b>Food security and International Trade: Risk, Trust and Rules</b></p> <p>Sophia Murphy, Visiting Fellow, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)</p>
15:30-16:00	<b>Going to FES Geneva office</b>
16:00-17:15	<p><b>The need for more inclusive international tax rules</b></p> <p>Manuel Montes, Senior Advisor, Finance and Development, South Centre and Commissioner, Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT)</p>
17:15-17:45	<p><b>Evaluation and closure of the seminar</b></p> <p>Ankai Xu, Information Officer, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <p>Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, FES Geneva</p>