



# ACP SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING ON AID FOR TRADE IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> GLOBAL REVIEW OF AID FOR TRADE

23-24 June 2009

WTO Room D

**Objective:** This meeting aims to bring together senior officials from ACP capitals and regional organizations as well as ACP-Geneva based delegates to discuss the challenges faced by ACP countries in obtaining, utilizing and measuring the effectiveness of Aid for Trade, and to prepare a joint ACP position in anticipation of their effective participation in the upcoming WTO Second Global Review of Aid for Trade.

## Agenda

Tuesday, 23 June 2009

**8h30-9h00** Registration, Room D

**9h00-9h40** A. Opening Session

**Moderator : H.E. Mr. P. Black, Perm. Rep. of Jamaica to the WTO (Sessions B and C)**

▪ **Welcome**

9h00 - 9h05 - Head of ACP Geneva Office, *H.E. Mr. M. Kisiri*

▪ **Introduction**

9h10 - 9h20 - Commonwealth Secretariat Dep. Secretary General, *H.E. Mr. R. Smith*

9h20 - 9h30 - WTO Director General – *Mr. Pascal Lamy*

9h30 - 9h40 - PMU Director – *H.E. Mr. L. Cumberbatch*

**9h40-10h45** B. Aid for Trade Global Outlook

9h40 - 9h55 - Trends emerging from OECD ACP-relevant data – *Mr. Frans Lammersen, OECD*

9h55 - 10h10 - Outlook for Aid for Trade and SVEs – *Presentation of background document, Mr. Nichodemus Rudaheranwa, Commonwealth Secretariat*

10h10 - 10h45 - Discussion

*Questions for discussion:*

- *Can Aid for Trade sustain growth in ACP countries (LDCs, non-LDCs)?*
- *Aid for Trade and sustainable development – what options?*
- *How can Aid For Trade lessen the effects of global downturn / slowdown?*
- *How to monitor Aid for Trade in times of economic crisis?*
- *Conclusions / Recommendations*

**10h45-11h00 Coffee-Break**

**11h00-13h00 C. Trade negotiations and Policy implications for Aid for Trade in ACP countries**

11h00 - 11h30 - Policy implications of Aid for Trade – *Mr. Bonapas Onguglo, UNCTAD*

11h30 - 11h45 - Aid for Trade and TA&CB in DDA negotiations – *Ms. Hadil Hijazi, WTI Advisors*

11h45 - 12h00 - Country Experience – *Ms. Usha Devi Beegun-Ramdun, Mauritius*

12h00 - 13h00 - Discussion (including other country experiences)

*Questions for discussion:*

- *Mainstreaming trade policies in national development strategies – challenges to be addressed*
- *Improving the monitoring of Aid for Trade disbursements at the national level*
- *Improving donor coordination and securing Aid for Trade flows*
- *Interfaces between the Aid for Trade Agenda and TA&CB in the various DDA negotiating arenas*
- *Conclusions / Recommendations*

**13h00-14h30 Lunch**

**Moderator: H.E. Mr. T. Clarke, Perm. Rep. of Barbados to the WTO (Session D)**

**14h30-16h00 EC Presentation on Aid for Trade (European Commission)**

**16h00-18h00 D. Aid for Trade – Engaging the Private sector –**

16h10 - 16h40 Engaging the private sector on Aid for Trade – *Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, ITC*

16h40 - 16h55 Discussant – *Mr. Hannes Schloemann, WTI Advisors*

16h55 - 18h00 Discussion

*Questions for discussion:*

- *How can the private sector (and/or civil society) become effectively engaged in Aid for Trade?*
- *Directing Aid for Trade to the private sector to enhance the competitiveness of ACP agricultural, industrial and services sectors*
- *Mechanisms for engaging the private sectors of donors and beneficiaries in implementing Aid for Trade measures*
- *Conclusions / recommendations*

**18h30-20h30 Cocktail offered by Commonwealth Secretariat (Salle des Pas Perdus, WTO)**

**Wednesday, 24 June 2009**

**Moderator : Mr. P. Tulloch, WTI Advisors (Session E)**

**9h00-11h00            E. Regional Integration processes and Aid for Trade**

9h10 - 9h30 ECOWAS experience, *Mr. Kolawole Sofola, ECOWAS Commission*  
9h30 - 9h50 CARIFORUM experience, *Mr. Percival Marie, CARICOM Secretariat*  
9h50 - 11h00 Discussion

*Questions for discussion:*

- *How can Aid for Trade assist in regional integration?*
- *Identifying needs on a regional basis, formulating regional priorities (e.g., infrastructure support, knowledge sharing, etc.)*
- *Crafting Aid for Trade mechanisms in regional and preferential trading agreements*
- *Monitoring Aid For Trade and trade impact on a regional level*
- *Conclusions / Recommendations*

**11h00-11h15 Coffee Break**

**Moderator : H.E. Mr. E. Laurent, Commonwealth Secretariat (Session F)**

**11h15-13h00            F. Access to Financing and Role of Donors**

11h20 - 11h40 African Development Bank, *Ms. Tonia Kandiero, AfDB*  
11h40 - 13h00 Discussion

*Questions for discussion:*

- *Role of regional development banks and financing institutions*
- *The concept of "regionally owned funds"*
- *How the private sector sees the delivery of Aid for Trade by donors*
- *Conclusions / Recommendations*

**13h-14h15    Lunch**

**14h15-15h00    Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Presentation on Scenarios on Global Economic Governance 2020 by Dr. Winfried Veit, FES and Mr. Rashid Kaukab, CUTS International**

**Moderator: H.E. Mr. T. Clarke, Perm. Rep. of Barbados to the WTO (Session G)**

**15h00-17h00            G. Preparing for the Second Global Review of Aid for Trade**

15h10 - 15h30 Presentation of the draft ACP conclusions and recommendations,  
*Mr. Sacha Silva, Rapporteur*

15h30 - 16h00 Discussion

***16h00-16h15 Coffee Break***

16h15 - 16h45 Presentation, discussion and adoption of press release

16h45 - 17h30 Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

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