

**Agenda for an exploratory dialogue on
*Promoting fair trade and labor standards in the post-MFA environment***

**9:30 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday, 27 February 2007
Press Room, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva**

9:30 am - Welcome and introduction

10:00 am - Session One:

Are there trade policy options that might promote market access and shares of exporting countries in the new clothing and textile trade environment: e.g. preferences, rules of origin or other remedies such as safeguards?

Resource persons:

Mr. Jean-Pierre Lapalme, WTO

Ms. Michiko Hayashi, UNCTAD

11:00 am - Session Two:

How can bilateral and multilateral programs in trade related technical assistance address labor and labor interests in planning and implementing technical and adjustment advice and assistance?

Resource persons

Ms. Rupa Ganguli, Managing Competitiveness and Trade in Textiles & Clothing, International Trade Centre

Mr. Philipp Schukat, Social and Ecological Standards, GTZ

12:00 pm - Session Three

To what extent has adherence to core labor standards enhanced market access and shares, and how can these linkages be improved?

Resource persons

Mr. Neil Kearney, International Clothing, Textile and Leather Worker Federation

Mr. Jean-Paul Sajhau, Sectoral Activities, ILO

Ms. Corinne Vargha, Social Dialogue, ILO

1:00 pm - Lunch and brainstorming

How can international organizations, bilateral donors and social partners collaborate to cope with these post-MFA issues discussed in the three sessions?

Facilitator:

Katherine Hagen, Geneva Social Observatory

3:00 pm - Adjournment