
ANNUAL 2011 SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

Geneva, 21-22 March 2011

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 21 March

09:00 - 12:30	Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>)
10:00 - 18:00	<i>Registration of participants</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Donald H. Oliver (Canada), Member of the IPU Executive Committee• Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, Vice-President of the European Parliament• Ambassador Yonov Frederick Agah (Nigeria), Chairman of the WTO General Council
15:30 - 15:40	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational issues
15:40 - 18:00	Debate on substantive theme (a): Multilateralism in the midst of the rising tide of bilateral and regional trade pacts <u>Rapporteurs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Luis Alberto Heber (Uruguay)• Mr. Paul Rübig, Member of the European Parliament <u>Discussant</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jean-Luc Demarty, Director General, Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission
18:00	<i>Reception</i>
20:00 - 22:00	Steering Committee (<i>in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters</i>)

Tuesday, 22 March

09:30 - 11:30	Debate on substantive theme (b): Rebalancing the rules of the multilateral trading system in favour of the poor <u>Rapporteurs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Lormus Bundhoo, MP (Mauritius)• Mr. Helmut Scholz, Member of the European Parliament <u>Discussant</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Anthony Mothae Maruping (Lesotho), Chairman of the WTO Committee on Trade and Development
11:30 - 13:00	Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators Trade and sustainable development: from collision to cohesion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Manuel A.J. Teehankee (Philippines), Chairman of the Special Session of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment

- Ambassador John Gero (Canada),
immediate past Chairman of the WTO General Council
- Ambassador David Walker (New Zealand),
Chairman of the Special Session on Agriculture
- Ambassador Hiswani Harun (Malaysia),
Chairperson of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 - 16:00

Hearing with the WTO Director-General

16:00 - 17:40

Interactive panel discussion

**Connecting to society: Trade policy-making
in the era of mass communication**

Moderator

- Mr. Niccolò Rinaldi, Member of the European Parliament

Panellists

- Mr. Jamil Chade, journalist, "O Estado de S. Paulo" (Brazil)
- Mrs. Hedayat Abdel Nabi, journalist (Egypt),
President of the Press Emblem Campaign
- Mr. John Zarocostas, journalist, "The Washington Times" (USA),
President of the Association of Correspondents to the United Nations

17:40 - 18:00

Closing session