
ANNUAL 2008 SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

Geneva, 11-12 September 2008

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10 September

- 10:00 - 19:00 *Registration of participants (IPU Headquarters)*
- 17:30 - 20:00 *Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)*

Thursday, 11 September

- 08:00 - 18:30 *Registration of participants*
- 09:30 - 10:00 *Inaugural session*
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational issues**
- 10:15 - 11:30 *Debate on substantive themes*
- Substantive theme (a) Looking beyond Doha**
- Rapporteurs
- Mr. Carlos Carnero González, Member of the European Parliament
 - Mr. Benedict A. Martins, MP (South Africa)
- Discussants
- Mr. Stuart Harbinson, Senior Adviser to the UNCTAD Secretary-General
 - Ms. Billie A. Miller, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (Barbados)
 - Ms. Cristiana Muscardini, Member of the European Parliament
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Hearing with the WTO Director-General, Mr. Pascal Lamy**
- 13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch break*
- 14:30 - 16:30 *Interactive panel discussion*
- Defusing the threat of conflicts over food and energy through trade**
- Panellists
- Senator Luis Alberto Heber (Uruguay)
 - Mr. Olivier De Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food, United Nations
 - Ms. Esperanza Duran, Executive Director, Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation
 - Mr. Maximo Torero, Director, Division of Markets, Trade and Institutions, International Food Policy Research Institute (USA)
- 16:30 - 19:00 *Continuation and end of the debate on substantive theme (a), followed by*
- Substantive theme (b) Can international trade help mitigate climate change?**
- Rapporteurs
- Senator Pikulkeaw Krairiksich (Thailand)

- Mr. Alain Lipietz and Mr. Paul Rübiger, Members of the European Parliament

Discussant

- Ms. Vesile Kulacoglu, Director of the Trade and Environment Division, WTO Secretariat

19:00

Reception

20:00 - 22:00

Steering Committee (in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters)

Friday, 12 September

08:00 - 17:00

Registration of participants

09:30 - 10:30

Continuation of the debate on substantive theme (b)

10:30 - 12:00

Dialogue with senior WTO negotiators

- Ambassador Crawford Falconer (New Zealand), Chairperson of the WTO Special Session of the Committee on Agriculture
- Ambassador Fernando de Mateo y Venturini (Mexico), Chairperson of the WTO Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services

12:00 - 13:00

Continuation and end of the debate on substantive theme (b)

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 - 16:30

Interactive panel discussion

Trade in the era of digital revolution

Panellists

- Ms. Martine Julsaint-Kidane, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD
- Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, Secretary General, European Satellite Operators Association
- Mr. Fredrik Erixon, Director of the European Centre for International Political Economy

16:30 - 16:45

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

followed by

Adoption of the Guidelines for relations between governments and parliaments on international trade issues

16:45 - 17:00

Closing session

Adoption of the outcome document