
ANNUAL 2011 SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 21 March

- 09:00 - 12:30 Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (*in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters*)
- 10:00 - 18:00 *Registration of participants*
- 15:00 - 15:30 Inaugural session
- 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
Rapporteurs
- Senator Luis Alberto Heber (Uruguay)
 - Mr. Paul Rübzig, Member of the European Parliament
- Discussant
- Mrs. Ditte Juul-Joergensen, acting Director, WTO Affairs, Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission
- 18:00 *Reception*
- 20:00 - 22:00 Steering Committee (*in camera meeting, IPU Headquarters*)

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
Rapporteurs
- Mr. Lormus Bundhoo, MP (Mauritius)
 - Mr. Helmut Scholz, Member of the European Parliament
- Discussant
- 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
- Ambassador Manuel A.J. Teehankee (Philippines), Chairman of the Special Session of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment

- 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
- Mr. Bruce Christie, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to
the WTO

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