



International Centre for Trade
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AFRICA DIALOGUE ON WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

EXPLORING STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

IN WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

VENUE: THE SERENA, MOMBASA, KENYA

DATE: 2-3 NOVEMBER 2006

DRAFT AGENDA

2 NOVEMBER

9:00 – 9:30

WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION

Relevance of DSU System for Africa and Challenges in Coming Years

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ

Chief Executive, ICTSD

9:30 – 11:15

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE OF WTO LAW AND DISPUTE SETTELMENT FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Rights and Obligations under the WTO

Daniel CROSBY

International Trade Lawyer, White & Case, Geneva

Importance of Trade

Francis MATAMBALYA

University of Dar-es-Salaam

Enforcement of Rights – the Dispute Settlement System from Within

Usha DWARKA-CANABADY

Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mauritius

Africa's Participation in context; overview, trends and impacts

Henry MUTAI

School of Law, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya

Discussant

Dorothy TEMBO

Director of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Zambia

11:15 – 11:30

BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

OPEN DISCUSSION

13:00 – 14:30

LUNCH

14:30 – 16:30

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BRINGING CASES, CHALLENGES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Kenya's experience

Ouma OCHIENG

Executive Director, Centre for International Trade and Investment Law, Kenya

South Africa's Experience

Gustav BRINK

Brindis Remedies t/a Trade Remedies Unlimited, South Africa
Associate, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa

Brazil's Experience

Gregory SHAFFER

Professor, Loyola University, Chicago School of Law, USA

Discussants

Hilton E. ZUNCKEL

Senior Trade Advisor, Floor Incorporated

Mike MATSEBULA

CEO, Swaziland Sugar Association

16:30 – 16:45

BREAK

16:45 – 18:30

OPEN DISCUSSION

20:00

DINNER

3 NOVEMBER

9:00 – 10:45

AFRICAN PARTICIPATION; OPTIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT IN WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND THE DSU REVIEW

Navigating the DSU; How Benin took on the Challenges in Cotton

Arsene OMICHESSAN

Permanent mission of Benin to the WTO

Africa's Interest in the DSU negotiations; proposals and prospects

Maigari BUBA

Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the WTO

Strategic Participation in WTO Disputes: Third Parties; Mediation; ACWL

Petina GAPPAH

Advisory Centre for WTO Law, Geneva

Discussants

Abdoulaye SANOKO

Permanent Mission of Mali to the WTO

Kofi ADDO

International Policy Advisor, UNDP

10:45 – 11:00

BREAK

- 11:00 – 12:30 OPEN DISCUSSION
- 12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 – 16:00 STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS
Considerations for next ten years; challenges ahead in both WTO and regional dispute settlement mechanisms against the backdrop of Africa's ongoing socio-economic development
- Johann HUMAN
Rules Division, WTO
- Robert WILSON
Trade Law Center for Southern Africa (Tralac)
- Clement NG'ONG'OLA
Department of Law, University of Botswana
- Lambert BOTHA
International Trade Advisor, South African Agricultural Processors Association
- Julius MOTO
Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- 16:00 – 16:15 BREAK
- 16:15 – 17:45 OPEN DISCUSSION
- 17:45 – 18:30 CLOSING REMARKS
RECOMMENDATIONS / CONCLUDING POINTS FROM THE DIALOGUE

END OF SECOND DAY'S SESSIONS