

AID FOR TRADE
SYMPOSIUM ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION
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"Identifying Indicators for Monitoring Aid for Trade"

Opening Session

Speaking Note for the Director-General

Welcome to this Symposium on Aid for Trade.

Our purpose over the next two days is to identify suitable indicators for monitoring our Ministerial work programme on Aid for Trade. As you know, more effective monitoring of Aid for Trade was one of the main recommendations of the Aid for Trade Task Force in 2006, and it is an important part of our Aid for Trade Roadmap for this year. The recommendations we make at this symposium will be sent to the Committee on Trade and Development, so that it can factor them into the preparations it is making for the next Global Review of Aid for Trade, which is scheduled to take place in late spring of next year.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the preparation of this symposium and who will be making presentations to help guide our discussions today and tomorrow. Our speakers have a great deal of experience on Aid for Trade

- at the practical level in developing countries of implementing national and regional Aid for Trade projects
- at the policy level of mainstreaming Aid for Trade into development programmes and managing donor-recipient partnerships
- at the technical level of the activities of intergovernmental agencies
- and from the perspective of development NGOs.

that they have created which might provide us with useful "macro" indicators to monitor trade capacity and trade performance. However, the