



## CURRENT AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

### COMMEMORATIVE EVENT TO MARK THE 100<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WTO'S COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, 24 November 2016, 10:00-13:00 hrs  
Centre William Rappard (Room W)

#### CONTEXT

The 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the WTO's Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) will be held on 24 November 2016. This is a significant milestone for the multilateral trading system – and for the CTD, which serves as a focal point for consideration and coordination of development work in the WTO.

To mark this occasion, a half-day commemorative event will be held in the morning of 24 November, prior to the start of the CTD's 100<sup>th</sup> Session.

Since the establishment of the WTO, considerable progress has been made in integrating developing countries into the multilateral trading system, and their share in world trade has seen a marked increase. Trade continues to be recognized by the international community as an

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