

# WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

Monday 16 June 2014 in Room W



WTO OMC

10.00 – 10:15	Welcome Address by	DDG Mr. Yonov Frederick	AGAH
	SESSION 1:	INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER	COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMES

10:15 – 11:15 1.1 Trade and technology transfer for sustainable development and new trends in transfer of technology cooperation

Knowledge is now a key strategic resource for national economic development. Technology and innovation are recognized as crucial means towards sustainable development and shared prosperity. The impact of technological improvement on economic growth and development results from a complex long-term process involving a number of factors and the interaction of actors both at the national and international levels. In this context the role of international institutions, as well as the bridging function of governments in linking businesses, academia, research and development institutes cannot be overemphasized. The panelists will look at how trade and the transfer of technology can contribute to economic development and

12:00 – 13:00

1.3 International agreements and their impact on trade and technology transfer

A number of regional arrangements (such as NAFTA) as well as international treaties and agreements contain guidelines or provisions on technology transfer (WTO TRIPS Agreement, OECD Guidelines, etc.). What impact do these instruments have on actual flows of technology to developing countries, and on their trade opportunities, competitiveness, job creation and economic development? This segment will consider whether these international obligations and guidelines provide an effective framework for unhampered flows of technology to those who need it to pursue development goals.

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Abdul HANNAN (Bangladesh)

Panelists:

- € Ms. Hiroko YAMANE, Professor emeritus, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan
- € Mr. Keith E. MASKUS, Arts and Sciences Professor of Distinction, University of Colorado in Boulder, USA
- € Mr. Juan Julio GUTIÉRREZ, Director for Policy and Planning - CONCYTEC/Peru
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	<p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. John OTACHI KAKONGE (Kenya)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>€ Mr. Andreas MAURER, Chief of Section, International Trade Statistics Section, WTO</li> <li>€ Mr. Mahmoud ELGARF, First Undersecretary, Head of Technology &amp; Industrial Development Sector, Ministry of Trade, Industry &amp; Investment, Egypt</li> </ul>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>2.3 Cluster Policies and their role for trade and transfer of technology. Promoting trade and transfer of technology in the services sector.</p> <p>This segment will consider policies for promoting the development of business clusters and their relationship with trade and technology transfer. It will also examine policies aimed at promoting technology transfer linked to services trade.</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Dr. Abdolazeez S. AL-OTAIBI, Chairperson of the Working Group on Trade and Transfer of Technology (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>€ Mr. Ruben SCHELLINGERHOUT, Policy Officer, Intellectual Property and Public Procurement, Directorate-General Trade, European Commission</li> <li>€ Mr. Nick ASHTON-HART – Executive Director, Internet &amp; Digital Ecosystem Alliance (IDEA)</li> <li>€ Mr. Nagesh KUMAR, Head - UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) South and South-West Asia Office</li> </ul>