Workshop on E-Commerce, Development and SMEs 8 April 2013- Room CR I market offers him the best price as for th e woman in the rural village who has at her fingertips real time data showing her the true value of the ground nuts she just harvested. In this new way of doing business, the traditional role of "the middleman" has been overtaken by technology.

Before we start on our work on E-Commerc e and Development issues in earnest, however, I would like to ask WTO Deputy-D irector General Harsha Singh to give an official welcome addre ss. DDG Singh, please you have the floor.