

LDC GENEVA PRACTITIONERS SERVICES SEMINAR SERIES

SEMINAR 1: WHY THE GATS MATTERS FOR LDCs

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2014

TIME: 10.00-13.00

Meeting will start promptly at 10:00.

VENUE: Room F, World Trade Organisation, 154 Rue de Lausanne, CH-1211 Geneva
Seminar Series Facilitator: Andrea Spear (andrea_spear@yahoo.fr)

Moderator: Rob Skidmore, ITC

Presenters:

- Anders Aeroe, Director, Division of Market Development, ITC
- Caroline McCarthy, Australian Mission to the WTO
- Hamid Mamdouh, Head, Division of Services, WTO Secretariat
- Sherry Stephenson, ICTSD
- Hubert Ruzibiza, Rwanda Development Board, tbc
- Markus Jellitto, WTO Secretariat
- Antonia Carzaniga, WTO Secretariat
- Joy Kategekwa, WTO Secretariat
- Andrea Spear, Trade and Investment Development Adviser
- Quan Zhao, Trade in Services Unit, ITC
- Alicia Greenidge, Adviser to LDC Group

Time	Session Theme	Speakers
Session 1: Introduction		
1000	Introduction	Anders Aeroe
1010	Welcome from Sponsor	Caroline McCarthy
1015	Welcome from WTO	Hamid Mamdouh
Session 2: Why Services Matter for LDCs		
1020	The services economy and services trade	Sherry Stephenson 15 mins Hubert Ruzibiza tbc 15 mins Discussion: 5 minutes
Session 3: The GATS: Key Negotiating Issues for LDCs		
1100	Key elements of the GATS and multilateral Services negotiations: Key issues for Developing and Least-Developed Countries	Markus Jellitto and Antonia Carzaniga Discussion: 10 minutes

Session 4: The Modes of Supply: Evolving LDC Interests**1215**

The Modes

Joy Kategekwa

Discussion: 10 minutes

Session 5: Managing the Challenges: Interactive Discussion**1245**

Managing the challenges of being a Services delegate

Facilitators: Andrea Spear, Alicia Greenidge, Quan Zhao and Caroline McCarthy

20 minutes interactive sharing of experiences from facilitators and the floor

1305**Facilitator: brief sum up and lead into next 2 seminars, CLOSE**