

LDC SERVICES GENEVA PRACTITIONERS SEMINAR SERIES

SEMINAR 5: SERVICES IN BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS: IMPLICATIONS FOR LDCs

DATE: 27 APRIL 2015

TIME: 10:00-13:00

VENUE: Room B, WTO Building, 154 Rue de Lausanne, Geneva

Seminar Series Facilitator: Andrea Spear (andrea_spear@yahoo.fr)

Moderator: Robert Skidmore, Division of Market Development, ITC

Presenters:

- Andrea Spear, Trade and Investment Development Adviser
- Rudolf Adlung, Trade Policy Analyst
- Joy Kategekwa, Development Division, WTO
- Adrian Njau, East African Business Council (EABC)
- Martin Gasasira, Rwanda Development Board (RDB)
- Pascal Kerneis, European Services Forum (ESF)

Time	Session Theme	Speakers
10:00	Welcome	Caroline McCarthy
Session 1: Services in FTAs: Evolving structure, new directions		
10:10	Trends in modes, scheduling, rule-making, S&D, cooperation	Andrea Spear
10:30	Interaction between BITs and the GATS - What BIT signatories may want to keep in mind	Rudolf Adlung
10:50	Mode 4: Broadening the scope and categories of commitments and supportive regulatory approaches	Joy Kategekwa
11:10	EABC success story on free movement of people	Adrian Njau
11:25	Discussion: 10 minutes	
11:35	Coffee break: 15 minutes	

Session 2: Results and opportunities for LDCs		
11:50	Bilateral and regional agreements: Results for LDCs and lessons learned	Martin Gasasira
12:10	Plurilateral Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA): How it differs from the GATS and potential opportunities for LDC services providers; Emerging trends in other FTAs (eg. TTIP).	Pascal Kerneis
12:30	Discussion: 10 minutes	
Session 3: Challenges and practical tips		
12:40	Engaging with private sector stakeholders - before, during and after negotiations: a panel discussion	Adrian Njau Pascal Kerneis
12:50	Discussion: 10 minutes	
13:00	Close	