

Trade works through innovative partnerships for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

1 October 2015, 17:00-18:30, WTO Public Forum, Room W, Geneva

Session objectives

The outcomes of the Post-2015 Development Agenda summit and third Financing for Development conference imply renewed political attention to specific issues of trade policy reform, and raise important questions around the broader role of trade in supporting inclusive and sustainable economic growth. Innovative, multi-stakeholder partnerships will be needed to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, especially to harness the potential for trade as an engine for inclusive economic growth.

This session will highlight how partnerships can support sustainable development goals, in areas such as agriculture, food security, nutrition and health, and the empowerment of women and girls, by harnessing the power of trade, global value chains and a rules-based trading environment. Participants will have a better understanding of the opportunities as well as the challenges for different kinds of partnerships, including multi-stakeholder partnerships involving NGOs and other civil society groups, the private sector, governments and international organizations, and their role in making trade work for inclusive and sustainable development. The session will be Davos-style, involving brief (5 minute) opening remarks from the speakers, followed by questions and comments from the moderator for a second brief round of remarks before opening up the session to participation from the floor.

Organisers

Global Social Observatory (GSO)

International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)

Agenda

Panel Discussion

Moderator:

Katherine HAGEN, Executive Director, GSO

Discussants:

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Debapriya BHATTACHARYA, Chair, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals

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Open Discussion