



A WTO fit for the 21st century

What needs
to change?

November 16th 2018

Paris, Conference center
Pierre Mendès France (PMF) in Bercy



PROGRAM

8h00 - 8h45 Registration

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9h00 Keynote speeches

Bruno Le Maire, Minister for the Economy and Finance

Roberto Azevêdo, Director general of the WTO

Cecilia Malmström, European Trade Commissioner

Introduction of the seminar

Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne, Minister of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs

10h00 - 10h15 Coffee break

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10h15 - 11h30 SESSION I

The current rulebook on distortive subsidies, how should we review antisubsidies rules?

10h15 - 10h30 Keynote speech

Hirofumi Takinami, Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

10h30 - 11h30 Panel

Moderator **Alan Beattie**, European editorial writer, Financial Times

Speakers **Simon Evenett**, Professor, University of St. Gallen

Sébastien Jean, Director, Centre d'études prospectives et d'informations internationales (CEPII)

Denis Redonnet, Director for WTO Affairs, Legal affairs and Trade in Goods, DG Trade, European Commission



Axel Eggert, Director General, European Steel Association (EUROFER)

Xiankun Lu, Managing Director of LEDECO Geneva and Emeritus Professor of UIBE and WHU China

11h30 – 12h30 SESSION II

Barriers to trade in services and investment and the specific issue of forced technology transfers

Moderator **Chad Bown**, Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE)

Speakers **Philippe Varin**, President of the International Chamber of Commerce France (ICC France) and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Orano

Maria Martin-Prat, Director for Services and Investment, Property Rights and Public Procurement, DG Trade, European Commission

12h30 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h00 SESSION III

The development aspect of world trade: should we differentiate between countries, and how should we do it?

Moderator **Alan Beattie**, European editorial writer, Financial Times

Speakers **Aranca Gonzalez**, Executive Director, International Trade Center (ITC)

H.E. Chiedu Osakwe, Nigerian Chief Trade Negotiator, Director-General Nigerian Office for Trade Negotiations (NOTN)

Bernard Hoekman, Professor, European University Institute

15h00 – 15h30 Break / Refreshments





15h30 – 16h30 Session IV

How to address the unprecedented crisis the Appellate Body is currently facing?

Moderator **Laurence Boisson de Chazournes**, Professor, University of Geneva

Speakers **Hélène Ruiz Fabri**, Professor and Director, Max Planck Institute

Stormy-Annika Mildner, Head of External Economic Policy, Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI)

Jennifer Hillman, Professor, Georgetown Law and former member of the Appellate Body

Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann, Emeritus Professor, European University Institute in Florence

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16h45 Conclusion of the seminar

Odile Renaud-Basso, Director General of the French Treasury

