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High Level Meeting on Fostering a Mutually-supportive Trade and Environment Regime: Perspectives and Lessons Learnt at Regional Level

Geneva, Switzerland, 29 November 2007
Room XVI, 5th Floor, Bâtiment A, Palais des Nations

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

- 09:00-09:30 **Registration (*)**
- 09:30-09:40 **Opening session**
Ms. Marianne Schaper, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC, on behalf of the United Nations Regional Commissions
Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, Chief, Trade and Sustainable Development Section, UNCTAD
- 09:40-10:00 **Opening Statement on Trade Rules and Sustainable Development**
Mr. Harsha V. Singh, Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization
- 10:00-11:30 **Session 1. Environmental Requirements and Market Access in the Food Sector, including Organic Agriculture and Fisheries**
- Trade and Environment Dimensions of the Food Sector in Asia and the Pacific, by Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, ESCAP
 - Trade and Environment Dimensions in the Fisheries Sector in the Arab Countries, by Ms. Carol Chouchani Churfane, Acting Team Leader, Technology and Enterprise Development Team, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, ESCWA
 - Trade and Environment Dimensions in Agriculture, including Organic Agriculture, in Africa, by Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, Economic Affairs Officer, Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, ECA
- Discussants:
- Fishery subsidies: Ms. Anja von Moltke, Economic Affairs Officer, UNEP
 - Organic Agriculture: Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD

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- 11:30-12:30 **Session 2. Environmental Goods and Services**
 Speakers:
 • Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
 • Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
 Discussants
 • Ambassador Clodoaldo Huguency Filho, Brazil (to be confirmed)
 • Mr. Erwin Rowles, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- 12:30-13:30 **Session 3. Environmental Impacts of Trade**
 Speakers:
 • Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA
 • Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
 Discussants:
 • Ambassador Werner Corrales, Senior Fellow, ICTSD
 • Ms. Vera Weick, Economic Affairs Officer, UNEP
- 13:30-15:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00-15:30 **Keynote address on Policy Coherence**
 Mr. Theodore Panayotou, John Sawhill Lecturer in Environmental Policy and Faculty Associate at the Center for International Development, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 15:30-16:30 **Session 4. Policy Coherence**
 Speakers:
 • Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
 • Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA
 • Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, ESCAP
 • Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
 Discussion
- 16:30-17:30 **Closing session: Which way forward?**
 Speakers:
 • Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA
 • Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
 • Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, ESCAP
 • Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
 • Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD
 • Mr. Hussein Abaza, Chief, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP
 Discussion

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