**PROGRAMME**

**Virtual seminar for journalists specialized in economics and trade**

**The 12th Ministerial Conference: Towards a WTO 2.0?**

**Geneva / Switzerland, May 31 – June 3, 2021**

**Monday, 31 May**

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| 9:00 – 10:00  Geneva Time (CET) | **Welcome and general presentation of the program**  Hajo LANZ, Director, FES Geneva Office  Yvonne BARTMANN, FES Geneva Office  Ivy ZHANG, Information and External Relations Division, WTO |
| 10:00 – 11:15 | **Present and future of the multilateral trading system: Towards a WTO 2.0?**  Keith ROCKWELL, Spokesperson and Director of Information and External Relations Division (IERD), WTO |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | **Pause** |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **The Dispute Settlement Body: crisis and possible solutions**  Daniel Pruzin, Head of Press Section, Information and External Relations Division, WTO |
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| **Tuesday, 1 June** | |
| 9:00 – 10:30  Geneva Time | **Agriculture negotiations: an ambitious agenda**  Edwini Kessie, Director of Agriculture and Commodities Division |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **Pause** |

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| 10:45 – 12:15 | **Negotiations on fisheries subsidies: is an agreement possible?**  Ambassador Santiago Wills (Colombia) , Chair of the Fisheries Negotiations |

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| **Wednesday, 2 June** | |
| 9:00 – 10:30  Geneva Time | **Joint initiatives as a negotiation alternative:**  **Domestic Regulation of Services and Electronic Commerce**  Chai Xiaolin, Director of Services Division, WTO  Ambassador George Mina (Australia), Co-convenor of the Joint Initiative on E-commerce |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **Pause** |
| 10:45 – 12:15 | **Joint initiatives as a negotiation alternative:**  **MSMEs and Investment Facilitation**  Ambassador José Luis Cancela(Uruguay), Coordinator of the Joint Initiative on MSMES  Ambassador Mathias Francke (Chile), Coordinator of the Joint Initiative on Investment Investment Facilitation |

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| **Thursday, 3 June** | |
| 9:00 – 9:30  Geneva Time | **Trade Facilitation (\* FES session)**  Arántzazu SÁNCHEZ BELASTEGUI, Associate Economic Affairs Officer. Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | **Pause** |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | **Trade and environmental sustainability (\* FES session)**  Joachim Monkelbaan, Representative, Fair and Sustainable Economic Systems, Quaker United Nations Office |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | **Evaluation and conclusion**  Yvonne BARTMANN, FES Geneva Office  TBC, ITTC, WTO  Ivy ZHANG, Information and External Relations Division, WTO |