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THE FOURTH SOUTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE ON LDCS AND DEVELOPMENT

Reinforcing the multilateral trading system for development

16 -17 SEPTEMBER 2021

(Venue- France/Switzerland to be determined in consultation with ITTC)

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION
Day 1	
17:00	Arrival of participants
17:30 – 18:00	Opening session <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDG Mr. Xiangchen Zhang, Deputy Director General, WTO • H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila, Ambassador, Chad, LDC Coordinator • H.E. Mr. Chenggang Li, Ambassador, People's Republic of China
18:00-19:30	Session 1: Roadmap to MC12 - I This session will take stock of current developments in WTO's work in preparation for MC12. It will also assess the main issues involved, to allow LDCs to take informed decisions at MC12. <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady, Ambassador, Mauritius, Coordinator of the African Group <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dacio Castillo, Ambassador, Honduras, General Council Chair • H.E. Santiago Wills, Ambassador, Colombia • H.E. Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Ambassador, Costa Rica • H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan, Ambassador, Djibouti • H.E. George Mina, Ambassador, Australia
19:30-19:45	Photo session
20:00	Dinner
Day 2	
09:30 – 11:00	Session 2: Roadmap to MC12 - II: Perspectives from developing countries This session will look at the progress in negotiations from the lens of development, thereby allowing for brainstorming on possible synergies in these negotiations with a view to advancing both the interests of developing countries and LDCs in the WTO. <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Zhanar Aitzhanova, Ambassador, Kazakhstan MC12 Chair

	<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Brajendra Navnit, Ambassador, India • H.E. Ms. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter, Ambassador, South Africa • H.E. Mr. Alexandre Parola, Ambassador, Brazil • H.E. Mr. Manuel A.J. Teehankee, Ambassador, Philippines
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Session 3: WTO response to the pandemic</p> <p>This session will review the state of play on the various proposals related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the progress on a possible TRIPS waiver. The session will also take stock of the proposals put forward by members with a view of enhancing transparency of the trade-related measures adopted in response to the COVID-19.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Didier Chambovey, Ambassador, Switzerland, MC12 Chair <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Simon Evenett, Professor of Economics, University of St. Gallen • H.E. Mr. João Aguiar Machado, Ambassador, European Union • H.E. Mr. Dagfinn Sørli, Ambassador, Norway
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 4: Reforming the WTO</p> <p>Various submissions relating to WTO reforms have been made covering a wide range of issues. This session will discuss some of the key areas identified for reforms so that it is fit for purpose in better responding to trade and development priorities of developing countries and LDCs.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Cheryl K. Spencer, Ambassador, Jamaica, ACP Group <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Joost Pauwelyn, Professor of Public International Law, The Graduate Institute • H.E. Mr. Stephen Cornelius De Boer, Ambassador, Canada • H.E. Ms. Grata Endah Werdaningtyas, Chargée d'affaires, Indonesia
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, Director, Development Division, WTO • H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila, Ambassador, Chad, LDC Coordinator • Ms Yihong Li, Deputy Permanent Representative, People's Republic of China