

WTO PUBLIC FORUM 2021 WORKING SESSION

TAILORING TRADE PROVISIONS TO CRISIS TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE

29 SEPTEMBER 2021

TIME: 10:00-11:00 (GENEVA) / 15:00-16:00 (BANGKOK)

Short description:

How to develop tailored crisis-mitigation provisions in trade agreements to build resilience and better preparedness for future crises? The Session titled “Tailoring Trade Provisions to Crisis to Enhance Resilience” will answer this question. This session is organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in cooperation with experts from the Asian Trade Centre, CUTS, Georgetown University and Hinrich Foundation. This session will present the results delivered by the *Global Initiative on Model Provisions for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic* launched by ESCAP together with other UN Regional Economic Commissions, UNCTAD, WTO, and other organizations. The discussion will focus on the role of trade agreements in enhancing trade resilience in times of crisis; and options for incorporating tailored provisions based on a new handbook for trade negotiators.

Moderator:



Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation in the Trade, Investment and Innovations Division at UNESCAP, and Coordinator, *Global Initiative on Model Provisions for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic in Regional and Other Trade Agreements* (IMP).

Panelists:



Ms. Katrin Kuhlmann, Visiting Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Centre and the President and Founder of the New Markets Lab - lead author of the UN Handbook on Provisions and Options for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic.



Mr. Stephen Olson, Senior Research Fellow at the Hinrich Foundation - with over 30 years of international trade experience, including as trade negotiator on the US negotiating team for NAFTA.



Ms. Deborah Elms, Founder and Executive Director of the Asian Trade Centre and Vice Chair, Asia Business Trade Association - working with governments and companies to design better trade policies for the region.



Mr. Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director of CUTS International - a leading global public policy think- and action-tank on Trade, Regulations and Governance.



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