

DRAFT AGENDA AND INVITED SPEAKERS

**EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR MAKING PROGRESS ON AGRICULTURAL MARKET
ACCESS AND DOMESTIC SUPPORT**

The Doha Round Negotiations, suspended in July 2006, may resume in early 2007. There are a number of outstanding issues in the agricultural negotiations, in particular in the market access and domestic support pillars, which require solutions for the Round to come to a successful conclusion. Please join ICTSD and IPC for a discussion intended to explore a range of potential solutions, which negotiators could resort to once a green light to resume negotiations is given.

Venue: Hotel Victoria, Glion, Switzerland
Date: 21 - 23 January 2007

21 January 2007	19:30 P.M. DINNER RECEPTION Welcoming dinner hosted by the organisers. The reception would also provide an opportunity to inform speakers and participants on logistics and the meeting programme.
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22 January 2007

09:00 - 09:15	WELCOMING REMARKS BY ORGANISERS SESSION I: MARKET ACCESS FLEXIBILITIES This session will explore how to find the proper balance between market access flexibility and market opening. It will examine the extent to which market access flexibilities will affect export opportunities for particular products in particular markets, by looking at trade between developing countries as well as between developed and developing countries. It will also explore issues around protection from import surges and price depression, and effective protection for vulnerable farmers.
09:15 - 09:35	OVERVIEW OF MARKET ACCESS ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED A succinct outline of possible approaches to move the debate on these wide-ranging and often contentious issues forward. Mike GIFFORD IPC member; former Canadian chief negotiator
09:35 - 10:00	EXPANDING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY EMERGING MARKETS What are the concerns that exporters have with the market access negotiations, and how could these be addressed? Are US Concerns about the "black box:" a question of principle or specific export interests? Leonard CONDON IPC member; Vice President, Altria International Business Relations; former Assistant USTR for Agriculture

- 10:00 – 10:25 **SOUTH-SOUTH TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS FLEXIBILITIES: DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONCERNS**
- What have been the major trends over the last ten years in South-South trade? Which products are most heavily traded between developing countries, and which countries are the main importers and exporters? What are the real barriers to enhanced market access? Which products are most likely to be designated as Special Products?
- Christopher STEVENS**
Overseas Development Institute, UK
- 10:25 – 10:45 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**
- 10:45– 11:10 **SENSITIVE PRODUCTS**
- What is the magnitude and number of tariff peaks in EU / G10 countries, and to what extent does the designation of sensitive products in EU / G10 countries affect market access for developed and developing countries? What are the implications of designating as sensitive products those products which enjoy high levels of domestic support? Should WTO Members consider establishing selection criteria for these products? What percentage of tariff lines should countries be allowed to protect in this way, and how should such tariff lines be treated? How much flexibility does the EU have on sensitive products?
- Harry DE GORTER,**
Cornell University
- 11:10 – 12:30 **OPEN DISCUSSION**
- DISCUSSANTS:**
- Amb. M. SUPPERAMANIAM,** Former Ambassador of Malaysian to the WTO
- Rolf MOEHLER,** IPC member; Former Deputy Director-General for Agriculture of the European Commission.
- 12:30 – 14:00 **LUNCH**
- 14:00 – 14:15 **OVERVIEW OF MARKET ACCESS FLEXIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**
- Harmon Thomas**
UNCTAD
- 14:15 – 14:40 **DOMESTIC POLICY MEASURES FOR SUBSISTENCE FARMERS**
- What kinds of trade and non-trade policies should be put into place to assist subsistence farmers?
- R. GOPALAN**
Ministry of Commerce, India
- 14:40 – 15:05 **IMPORT SURGES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**
- What are the reasons for import surges? What are the main issues around injury and attribution? What does empirical evidence from the last 10 years tell us about selected developing countries and commodities?
- Ramesh SHARMA**
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

- 15:05 – 15:30 **INDICATORS AND SPECIAL PRODUCTS**
Realistic options to select special products based on practical indicators, numerical targets or a combination of both? What are the challenges facing developing countries in using indicators of food security, Livelihood security and rural development (types of indicators, data availability)?
Anura HERATH
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Sri Lanka
- 15:30 – 16:00 **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW SPECIAL SAFEGUARD MECHANISM: AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS SIMULATIONS**
How often would the SSM be triggered according to the various scenarios foreseen in the modalities currently under negotiation? What does evidence on selected products in selected countries tell us about the extent to which these modalities would be effective in preventing the adverse impacts of price depression and import surges?
Raul MONTEMAYOR
IPC member; Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives, Philippines
- 16:00 – 17:30 **DISCUSSANTS:**
Faizel ISMAIL
Head, Permanent Mission of South Africa
ICTSD
Ni Hongxing
Deputy Director General, Agricultural Trade Office, Ministry of Agriculture, China
- 17:30 – 18:00 **ROUND UP**

DAY TWO

SESSION II: DOMESTIC SUPPORT

OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN OVERALL LEVEL OF TRADE DISTORTING SUPPORT; BLUE BOX DISCIPLINES; PRODUCT-SPECIFIC CAPS; AND REVIEW OF GREEN BOX CRITERIA

- 09:00 – 09:15 **OVERVIEW OF ISSUES:**
Vangelis VITALIS
Ministry of foreign affairs and trade, New Zealand
- 09:15 – 10:45 **THE U.S. FARM BILL: WHAT TO EXPECT**
Prospects for a new farm bill in terms of product coverage, distribution, amounts and types of programmes. What are the prospects of existing legislation being extended, and what are the prospects of it being reformed? How do the results of the November 2006 congressional elections affect the prospects for the farm bill?
Ann TUTWILER
IPC member; Managing Director for Trade and Development, Hewlett Foundation

- 10:45 – 11:00 COFFEE/TEA BREAK
- 11:00 – 11:30 **PRODUCT SPECIFIC CAPS ON DOMESTIC SUPPORT**
- In order to move beyond the debate on levels of overall trade-distorting support, to address product-specific amber box subsidies, it is important to focus on which products should be targeted for reduction in the U.S. and the E.U.? How should such products be defined, and what mechanisms should be put in place to address them?
- Marcos JANK**
Instituto de Estudos do Comércio e Negociações Internacionais (ICONE)
- 11:30 – 12:30 **THE BLUE BOX**
- What additional criteria might be established for blue box subsidies? Should there be a product-specific cap? Which are the products most likely to benefit from blue box subsidies? How could their trade-distorting impact be reduced?
- Rajesh AGGARWAL**
International Trade Centre, Geneva
- 12:30 – 14:00 **LUNCH**
- 14:00 – 14:30 **TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS OF AGRICULTURE SUBSIDIES IN THE WTO GREEN BOX'**
- What are the opportunities presented by the mandated review of green box criteria? How can the shift from amber to green box support be encouraged while concerns about possible trade distorting green payments are addressed? What can be achieved in the present round of trade negotiations, and what could governments choose to postpone as part of a built-in agenda?
- Tim JOSLING**
IPC member; Stanford University
- 14:30 – 16:00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**
- DISCUSSANTS:**
- Clodoaldo HUGUENEY FILHO**
Ambassador, Brazilian mission to the WTO
- Patrick MESSERLIN**
Institut d' Etudes Politiques de Paris
- Puangrat ASAVAPISIT**
Ambassador Thailand mission to the WTO
- 16:00 – 18:00 **ROUND UP DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS**
- Mike GIFFORD**
IPC member; former Canadian chief negotiator
- Harmon THOMAS**
Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities (UNCTAD)
- Vangelis VITALIS**
Ministry of foreign affairs and trade, New Zealand

