

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) session WTO Public Forum 2010
Wednesday 15 September, 12:30 – 14:00, room W
Session abstract

## "The role of the multilateral trading system in contributing to the global economic recovery and the future of global trade: A world business perspective"

The World Trade Organization (WTO) and the rules-based multilateral trading system have a key role in contributing to the recovery from the global economic recession, and in shaping the future of global trade.

The session will address the following issues:

- The continuing threat of protectionism in the face of persistently high unemployment, particularly in developed economies;
- the impact of a successful conclusion of the Doha Round on the global economy;
- the role of trade and investment in creating opportunities for developing countries; and
- the contribution of the WTO and the rules-based multilateral trading system to dealing with global economic imbalances and political and economic power shifts taking place in the world that are shaping the future of global trade.

## Panelists will include:

- Geoffrey Gamble, Vice-Chair, ICC Commission on Trade and Investment Policy; Director of International Government Affairs, the DuPont Company, United States
- R. V. Kanoria, Chair, ICC Commission on Trade and Investment Policy; Chairman & Managing Director, Kanoria Chemicals & Industries Ltd, India
- Knut Sørlie, Member, ICC Commission on Trade and Investment Policy; and Assistant Director, International Affairs & Trade Policy, NHO - Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise, Norway
- Cliff Sosnow, Member, ICC Commission on Trade and Investment Policy; Partner, Practice Group Leader, International Trade and Investment Group, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Canada

The session will be moderated by:

• Stefano Bertasi, Director, Department of Policy and Business Practices, ICC

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