International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) session
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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