Supply chains are the lifeblood of the global economy, but recent shocks and underlying vulnerabilities have put them to the test. For the first time, WTO members and stakeholders from every part of the supply chain will share perspectives on the underlying causes and trajectory of the disruptions, bottlenecks and soaring costs hindering global trade. Our goal is to collectively identify the resources, interventions and innovations needed to shape sustainable, inclusive solutions.

WELCOME REMARKS
16:15 to 16:20
Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO

FIRESIDE CHAT
16:20 to 16:35
Leaders from the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, International Trade Centre and International Chamber of Commerce will discuss how supply chain disruptions have impacted their members, why business is responding with more innovation than ever, and how smaller firms can build resilience.

DATE AND TIME
Monday, 21 MARCH 2022
16:15 to 18:30 Central European Time (CET)

REGISTRATION
This online event requires prior registration. Click here to register in advance.
PANEL: SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS, IMPACTS AND RESPONSES  
16:35 to 17:25

We’ll hear about strategies to take the sting out of rising freight costs, technologies that are accelerating the flow of goods through ports, and why digital trade finance could help reduce trade frictions. We’ll also learn how regional initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) might help buffer inland countries from future disruptions, and what Asia’s garment exporters need from their trading partners – and from the WTO.

SPEAKERS

Charles (Bud) DARR  
Executive Vice President, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, MSC Group

Seedy KEITA  
Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, The Gambia

Victoria CLAVERIE  
Head of Trade – Europe, Standard Chartered

Clemence CHENG  
Managing Director, Europe, Hutchison Ports

Rubana HUQ  
Managing Director, Mohammadi Group

Kemvichet LONG  
Ambassador and Incoming Chair, Council for Trade in Services

MODERATOR

Alan BEATTIE  
Senior Trade Writer, Financial Times

PANEL: UNLOCKING SOLUTIONS TO BUILD RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE SUPPLY CHAINS  
17:25 to 18:15

Speakers will talk us through the innovations that promise to transform logistics, how digital supply chain management solutions can improve market access for SMEs, and where capital should be deployed to improve supply chain efficiency and sustainability. We’ll also learn what governments can do to connect the links – and reduce carbon emissions – in global transport networks, and how Latin America could plug global sourcing gaps as supply chains reconfigure.

SPEAKERS

Luz Maria DE LA MORA SÁNCHEZ  
Undersecretary for Foreign Trade, Secretariat of Economy, Mexico

Penny NAAS  
UPS President for International Public Affairs and Sustainability

Geetha THARMARATNAM  
CEO & Founding Partner at Aequalitas Capital Partners

Young Tae KIM  
Secretary General, International Transport Forum

Ryan PETERSEN  
CEO, Flexport

Usha Chandnee  
Ambassador and Incoming Chair, Committee on Trade and Development

MODERATOR

Adva SALDINGER  
Senior Reporter, Devex

CLOSING REMARKS  
18:15 to 18:30

Closing remarks.

SPEAKERS

Anabel GONZÁLEZ  
Deputy Director-General, WTO

Jean-Marie PAUGAM  
Deputy Director-General, WTO

Betty C. MAINA  
EGH – Cabinet Secretary, Kenya Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development

Sharan BURROW  
General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)