

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS FORUM

Easing supply chain bottlenecks for a sustainable future

Be part of the solution

21 March 2022 - 16:15 to 18:30 (CET)

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

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REGISTRATION

This online event requires prior registration.

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Dr. Ngozi OKONJO-IWEALA

Director-General of the WTO

FIRESIDE CHAT



Peter BAKKER

*President and CEO, World Business
Council for Sustainable Development*



Pamela COKE-HAMILTON

*Executive Director,
International Trade Centre*



John DENTON

*Secretary General,
International Chamber of Commerce*



Heba KANDIL

*Senior Manager, Media Initiatives,
Thomson Reuters Foundation*

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 María 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 DWARKA-CANABADY
 Ambassador and
 Incoming Chair,
 Committee on Trade and
 Development

MODERATOR



Adva SALDINGER
 Senior Reporter,
 Devex



Anabel GONZÁLEZ
 Deputy Director-General,
 WTO



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



Jean-Marie PAUGAM
 Deputy Director-General,
 WTO



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

CLOSING REMARKS

18:15 to 18:30