

**5th Global Aid for Trade Review – Geneva, 30 June – 2 July 2015 -
"Reducing Trade Costs for Inclusive, Sustainable Growth"**

**EU & EU Member States joint Side-Event
"The Future of EU Aid for Trade (Aft) strategy – A Stakeholder Consultation"**

1 July – 13.30-15.00 – Room D

Light lunch will be offered at 13.00

Overview	<p>The current EU Aft strategy was adopted jointly by the EU and its Member States in 2007 and quantitative targets have been met and exceeded since 2008, with the EU being consistently the main global provider of Aft. Nevertheless, improvement is still needed in particular in terms of impact and increased access to Aft by LDC's and other LMIC's.</p> <p>In 2016 the EU will review this strategy and seek to take stock of relevant processes, notably the Post-2015 Development Agenda and successive Global Aid for Trade Reviews; to consider the identification of new priority issues and to integrate the latest insights both in theory and established as best practices. This side event presents an opportunity for stakeholders to give their views and raise issues for consideration in the review process.</p>
Background information	<p>The EU and its Member States are the largest provider of Aid for Trade, with commitments totalling more than EUR 11 billion in both 2012 and 2013. Aid for Trade is a part of Official Development Assistance (ODA) and as such, it is programmed according to beneficiary needs, at the same time some guiding principles are provided for by the EU Aid for Trade Strategy adopted on 15 October 2007, as a joint initiative of the EU and its Member States. It pursues the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase overall Aft as part of the gradual increases of overall EU ODA. • Implement the commitment by EU Member States and the EU to collectively spend €2 billion annually on TRA by 2010, including €1 billion from Member States and €1 billion from the EU. In the range of 50% of the increase in the collective EU TRA should be available to ACP countries. • Enhance the pro-poor focus and the quality of EU Aft. • Increase EU-wide and Member States' capacity in line with the globally agreed Aid Effectiveness principles. • Build upon, foster and support regional integration processes through Aft, including within the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. • Support effective Aft monitoring and reporting.
Moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Henderson – DG TRADE
Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by DG DEVCO on the current EU Aft strategy, progress so far and questions to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ <i>Giorgio Cocchi, Deputy Head of Unit, Private Sector Development, Trade, Regional Integration, DG DEVCO</i> • Introduction by DG TRADE on the importance of Aid for Trade and how trade and development policies can be mutually supportive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ <i>Marc Vanheukelen, Director, Sustainable Development, DG TRADE</i> • EU Member States' challenge of integrating trade and development functions (Dominik Ziller, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ <i>Dominik Ziller, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main trends identified by recent AFT research and studies (Frans Lammersen, Principal Administrator, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Frans Lammersen, Principal Administrator, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD</i> • Q&A from the floor • The AFT recipient perspective: how to increase the access/impact of AFT in LDCs? (Stephen N Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UNECA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Stephen N. Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UNECA</i> • How AFT and trade agreements – bilateral/regional/multilateral – can support each other (San Bilal, Senior Executive/Head of Programme, Economic Transformation and Trade, European Centre for Development Policy Management - ECPDM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Sanoussi Bilal, Senior Executive/Head of Programme, Economic Transformation and Trade, European Centre for Development Policy Management - ECDPM</i> • Emerging issues for AFT including sustainable development (Joseph Wozniak, Programme Manager, Trade for Sustainable Development, ITC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Joseph Wozniak, Programme Manager, Trade for Sustainable Development, International Trade Centre, ITC</i> • Q&A from the floor • Wrap-up and next steps
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