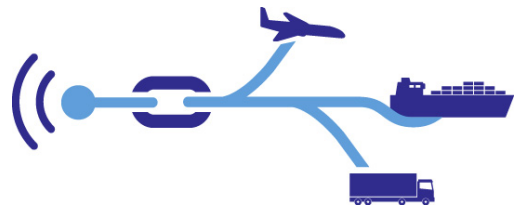


**PROMOTING
TRADE, INCLUSIVENESS AND
CONNECTIVITY
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

11-13 JULY 2017

Programme



OVERVIEW

The [Aid for Trade Global Review 2017](#) looks at the theme of "Promoting Trade, Inclusiveness and Connectivity for Sustainable Development". By addressing the supply-side capacity and trade-related infrastructure constraints of developing, and in particular least developed countries, Aid for Trade can help advance the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). A particular focus will be placed on women's economic empowerment.

The [Aid for Trade Global Review 2015](#) highlighted how high trade costs slow growth and development by pricing many suppliers in developing and least developed countries out of global markets. The 2017 Global Review develops this theme further by extending analysis of trade costs into the area of digital connectivity. The Review will discuss the economic consequences of the digital divide and strategies to help policymakers, firms, women and SMEs to bridge this divide.

One tool at the disposal of trade policymakers to reduce logistics trade costs is the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) that entered into force on 22 February 2017. The [2015 World Trade Report](#) outlined the inclusive trade outcomes that may be achieved through trade facilitation reforms. This issue will be further examined during the 2017 Global Review.

Discussions will be informed by the [Aid for Trade at a Glance report](#), published jointly by the World Trade Organization and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, with contributions from Business for eTrade Development, the Enhanced Integrated Framework, the International Telecommunications Union, the International Trade Centre, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Bank Group. Additional analysis will be contributed by regional development banks and other stakeholders.

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DAY 1: TUESDAY, 11 JULY

<p>9.00-11.30 SESSION 1: OPENING PLENARY <i>Room – CR</i></p> <p>PROMOTING TRADE, INCLUSIVENESS AND CONNECTIVITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p>				
<p>11.30-13.00 Session 2: Thematic Focus: SDGs <i>Room – W</i></p> <p>Aid and Inclusive Trade: Financing Trade Connectivity and the SDGs</p>		<p>11.30-13.00 Session 3: Side Event <i>Room – E</i></p> <p>Digital Trade: How the Private Sector is Improving Efficiency, Transparency and Inclusion <i>Australia</i></p>	<p>11.30-13.00 Session 4: Side Event <i>Room – D</i></p> <p>Clicks Need Bricks: Promoting Trade Through Quality Infrastructure <i>Germany, ICTSD UNCTAD, WBG</i></p>	<p>11.30-13.00 Session 5: Side Event <i>Room – S3</i></p> <p>Tourism for Development in Least Developed Countries <i>EIF, ITC, UNWTO</i></p>
<p>13.00-14.30 Session 6: Side Event <i>Room – S1</i></p> <p>Inclusiveness and Connectivity Dimensions of EU-ACP Trade and Development Cooperation <i>ACP, EU</i></p>	<p>13.00-14.30 Session 7: Side Event <i>Room – D</i></p> <p>How can Aid for Trade connect SMEs more Effectively to Value Chains in Green Goods and Services? <i>EBRD, WTO</i></p>	<p>13.00-14.30 Session 8: Development Hub <i>Room – Atrium</i></p> <p>The Physical Dimension to Digital Connectivity <i>eTrade for All, Business for eTrade Development</i></p>	<p>13.00-14.30 Session 9: Side Event <i>Room – E</i></p> <p>Enhancing Connectivity in the Bay of Bengal Region and Beyond <i>CUTS</i></p>	<p>13.00-14.30 Session 10: Side Event <i>Room – S2</i></p> <p>Financing Sustainable Transport Infrastructure and Services as a Key Enabler for South-South Trade: The Role of Development Finance Institutions <i>G-NEXID, UNCTAD</i></p>
<p>14.30-16.00 Session 11: Regional Focus <i>Room – CR</i></p> <p>Promoting Connectivity In Africa – The Role of Aid for Trade in Boosting Intra-African Trade <i>African Development Bank/UNECA</i></p>	<p>14.30-16.00 Session 12: Regional Focus <i>Room – D</i></p> <p>IDB Group Promoting Connectivity for Sustainable Development <i>Islamic Development Bank Group</i></p>	<p>14.30-16.00 Session 13: Regional Focus <i>Room – W</i></p> <p>Aid for Trade in Asia and the Pacific: Promoting Connectivity and Inclusive Development <i>Asian Development Bank</i></p>	<p>14.30-16.00 Session 14: Regional Focus <i>Room – E</i></p> <p>Connecting the Latin American and Caribbean Dots: What Countries Are Doing to Facilitate Trade <i>Inter-American Development Bank</i></p>	
<p>16.00-17.30 Session 15: Thematic Focus: LDCs <i>Room – CR</i></p> <p>Promoting Connectivity for Least Developed Countries</p>		<p>16.00-17.30 Session 16: Development Hub <i>Room – Atrium</i></p> <p>Trade, Refugees and Migrants: Unlocking the Potential of Displaced People Through Trade and Strengthening Humanitarian Relief <i>ITC, Sweden</i></p>	<p>16.00-17.30 Session 17: Side Event <i>Room – S2</i></p> <p>Opening Opportunities – Aid for Trade Donors' Strategies Towards SDGs 2030 <i>Germany</i></p>	<p>16.00-17.30 Session 18: Side Event <i>Room – S3</i></p> <p>Structural Transformation, Green Economy and Connectivity in the African Union <i>AUC</i></p>
<p>17.30-19.00 Session 19: Thematic Focus: Tourism <i>Room – W</i></p> <p>Tourism and Travel Facilitation and Connectivity</p>		<p>17.30-19.00 Session 20: Side Event <i>Room – S2</i></p> <p>The Need for Ex-Ante Gender Assessment of Trade Reforms: The Trade and Gender Toolbox <i>Sweden, UNCTAD</i></p>	<p>17.30-19.00 Session 21: Side Event <i>Room – D</i></p> <p>New Trends in Digital Economy and Connectivity, Innovation and Assistance <i>United States</i></p>	<p>17.30-19.00 Session 22: Side Event <i>Room – E</i></p> <p>Structuring of Value Chains and Connectivity of the Cotton-textile- Clothing Actors from Africa, Europe and Asia <i>OIF</i></p>
<p>19.00-21.00 Session 23: Social Event – WTO Lakeside Terrace <i>UN International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development</i></p>				

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY

9.00-10.30 SESSION 24: PLENARY Room – CR PROMOTING INCLUSIVE TRADE THROUGH GENDER EMPOWERMENT				
10.30-11.00 Session 25: Side Event: Live from the Busia One-Stop Border Post! <i>TMEA</i> Room CR				
11.00-12.30 Session 26: Thematic Focus: Trade Facilitation Room – CR Trade Facilitation in Action	11.00-12.30 Session 27: Development Hub Room – Atrium Hack the Pacific: Bringing the Hackathon to Aid for Trade Australia	11.00-12.30 Session 28: Side Event Room – D Enhancing Connectivity to Enable Graduation with Momentum in LDCs COMSEC, UNCTAD	11.00-12.30 Session 29: Side Event Room – E E-Commerce + Connectivity = Development Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan Penghu Kinmen & Matsu	
12.30-14.00 Session 30: Side Event Room – W Africa's Industrial Transformation: The Role of Digital Connectivity and the Need for Innovative Financing ITU, Japan, Rwanda, UNIDO, WBG	12.30-13.30 Session 31: Development Hub Room – Atrium Closing the Digital Gender Divide eTrade for All, GSMA	12.30-14.00 Session 32: Side Event Room – D Connecting Trade and Agricultural Development in the LDCs EIF, FAO	12.30-14.00 Session 33: Side Event Room – E WTO Chairs Programme WTO	
14.00-15.30 Session 34: Thematic Focus: The Gambia Room – D New Gambia, New Opportunities	14.00-15.00 Session 35: Side Event Room – S1 Aid for Digital Trade: Needs and Responses Kenya	14.00-15.00 Session 36: Side Event Room – S3 ePing: Helping SMEs Keep Track of Product Requirements in their Export Markets Australia	14.00-15.00 Session 37: Side Event Room – S2 Implementing Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade for Sustainable Growth UN Regional Commissions	
15.00-15.30 Session 38: Thematic Focus: Standards Room – W Trade and Food Standards Joint FAO-WTO Publication Launch	15.00-16.30 Session 40: Side Event Room – E Sustainable Supply Chains: Ensuring the Benefits of Trade are Shared Australia, ITC, Netherlands	15.00-16.30 Session 41: Side Event Room – S1 How can Asia Seize the Opportunity of Foreign Direct Investment to Achieve Inclusive Growth? ADB	15.00-16.30 Session 42: Side Event Room – S2 Leveraging Trade Facilitation and E-Commerce: How can International Rules and Standards Ensure Trade Inclusiveness and Connectivity Finland, WCO	
15.30-17.00 Session 39: Side Event Room – W Transitioning from Paper-Based to Automated SPS Systems STDF				
16.30-18.00 Session 43: Side Event Room – E Promoting Inclusive Economic Transformation Through GVC Participation: The Role of Aid for Trade and Private Sustainability Standards Lesotho	16.30-18.00 Session 44: Side Event Room – S2 Promoting Exports Through Connectivity IGC	16.30-18.00 Session 45: Side Event Room – D From Commodity Dependence to Value Addition: Novel Approaches to Inclusive Trade ACP, ITC	16.30-18.00 Session 46: Side Event Room – S3 No LDC Left Behind: The EIF Investing in Country and People EIF	16.30-18.00 Session 47: Side Event Room – S1 Trade Facilitation for a More Inclusive and Connected Asia-Pacific Region: Progress and Way Forward ADB, UNESCAP
18.00-19.30 Session 48: Thematic Focus: Trade Facilitation Room – Atrium Trade Facilitation Case Story Competition Finalists	18.00-19.30 Session 49: Side Event Room – D Small States, Big Challenges – Enhancing Trade Capacity of the ACP Through a Network of Trade Advisers COMSEC	18.00-19.30 Session 50: Side Event Room – W The CFTA: Ensuring Inclusive Outcomes Through Boosting Intra-African Trade and Connectivity UNECA, OHCHR, FES	18.00-19.30 Session 51: Side Event Room – S1 Fostering Trade, Inclusivity, and Connectivity Through PTAs UNECLAC, UNECA, UNESCAP, UNCTAD	
19.30-21.00 Session 52: Social Event – WTO Lakeside Terrace GEA				

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 13 JULY

<p>9.00-10.30 SESSION 53: PLENARY <i>Room – W</i></p> <p>ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY AND ADVANCING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</p>	
<p>10.30-11.00 Session 54: Development Hub <i>Room – Atrium</i></p> <p>Connecting the COMESA Region by Facilitating Trade Through Aid for Trade: Expectations, Prospects and Progress</p> <p><i>COMESA</i></p>	<p>10.30-11.00 Session 55: Side Event <i>Room D</i></p> <p>Book Launch: Trade and the Sustainable Development Goals: Achieving Win-Wins</p> <p><i>ADB Institute</i></p>
<p>11.00-13.00 SESSION 56: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION <i>Room – W</i></p>	
