



# Aid for Trade Global Review

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND EMPOWERMENT



3-5 July 2019



## Draft Programme\*

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\* Please note that this programme is subject to change and may be modified without notice up to the opening of the Conference.

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## OVERVIEW

The [Aid for Trade Global Review 2019](#) examines the theme of "Supporting Economic Diversification and Empowerment".

Trade has been a catalyst for unparalleled progress in poverty reduction since the WTO came into being in 1995. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development commits us to continue this essential work and to eliminate extreme poverty.

It is against this background, and that of a challenging context for the multilateral trading system, that the Global Review will discuss how Aid for Trade supports economic diversification and empowerment. A particular focus will be placed on eliminating extreme poverty, particularly through the effective participation of micro, small and medium enterprises, women and youth.

The Global Review features discussions in four main formats:

- Plenary Sessions: high-level panels focusing on key Global Review themes;
- Thematic Focus Sessions: interactive panel discussions, including at Ministerial level;
- Side Events: specific and technical insights on a specific issue or theme;
- Development Hubs: informal discussions in a highly interactive format.

Global Review will be informed by the [Aid for Trade at a Glance report](#), published jointly by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with contributions from United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Bank Group. Additional analysis and reports will be contributed by regional development banks and other stakeholders.

### How to attend

Register here <http://www.wto.org/gr2019> before 12 June 2019.

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### Pre-Global Review events

The Global Review on 3-5 July will be preceded by the following pre-events:

- **Monday 1 July**
  - Buenos Aires Declaration Workshop on "Women in Digital Trade". This joint European Union, ITC and WTO workshop will explore how digital trade can offer more opportunities for women-led businesses. It will examine the current state of women's participation in digital trade and identify opportunities and challenges to boost their participation and share good practice.
- **Tuesday 2 July**
  - ITC Joint Advisory Group (JAG): The ITC JAG meets annually to examine the activities of ITC and to make recommendations to the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board and WTO's General Council on ITC's future work programme.
  - WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) Annual Conference 2019: The WCP meets annually to take stock of the work of the 19 WTO Chairs. It comprises an academic conference that includes presentations and discussions on the theme of the Global Review of Aid for Trade and on recent trade policy developments.

**Day 1 – Wednesday 3 July 2019 - Morning**

	Plenary, Thematic or Regional Focus	Side Events	Development Hubs	
<b>Day 1 – 03.07</b>	<b>9.00-10.30</b> <b>Session 1: Opening Plenary</b> <b>Supporting Economic Diversification and Empowerment</b> Room CR (E/F/S)			
	<b>10.30-11.45</b> <b>Session 2:</b> <b>Thematic Focus</b> <b>Seizing opportunities for economic diversification</b> Room CR Organizer(s): WTO (E/F/S)	<b>10.30-11.45</b> <b>Session 3:</b> <b>Thematic Focus</b> <b>How can aid and 21<sup>st</sup> Century trade help to close the gender gap?</b> Room S1 Organizer(s): WTO (E/F/S)	<b>10.30-11.30</b> <b>Session 4:</b> Side event: Aid for digital transformation – Organizer(s): South Africa - Room E (E/F) <b>Session 5:</b> Side event: Creating and Capturing value at origin: Tourism as a driver of inclusive and sustainable economic diversification – Organizer(s): UNWTO, ITC, EBRD - Room S3 (E/F/S) <b>Session 6:</b> Side event: Trade Capacity Building in Zambia: A Case Study in Country Ownership and Donor Coordination - Organizer(s): United States - Room B	<b>11.15-11.45</b> <b>Session 7:</b> <b>Development Hub</b> Making the grade – how TBT and SPS promote regulatory cooperation and help you trade Organizer(s): OECD, WTO Library
	<b>11.45-13.00</b> <b>Session 8:</b> <b>Thematic Focus</b> <b>E-Commerce: Potential and Challenges for Developing Countries</b> Room E Organizer(s): African Group (E/F/S)	<b>11.45-13.00</b> <b>Session 9:</b> <b>Thematic Focus</b> <b>Trade Finance</b> Room W Organizer(s): WTO (E/F/S)	<b>11.30-12.30</b> <b>Session 10:</b> Side event: The Employment Equation: Leveraging Aid for Trade to boost sustainable investment and jobs – Organizer(s): Germany - Room D <b>Session 11:</b> Side event: Tourism financing for the 2030 Agenda – Organizer(s): UNWTO - Room S3 (E/F/S)	<b>12.15-12.45</b> <b>Session 12:</b> <b>Development Hub</b> Trade and Eliminating Extreme Poverty Organizer(s): WTO, WBG Library

**Day 1 – Wednesday 3 July 2019 - Afternoon**

	<b>Plenary, Thematic or Regional Focus</b>	<b>Side Events</b>	<b>Development Hubs</b>
<b>Day 1 – 03.07</b>		<p align="center"><b>12.30-13.30</b></p> <p><b>Session 13:</b> Side event: From Crop to Shop: Unlocking Women's Potential for Sustainability in GVCs – Organizer(s): Finland, Ireland, ITC, United Kingdom – Room S2 (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 14:</b> Side event: Trade in knowledge today: rethinking the link between Intellectual Property, trade and development – Organizer(s): WTO – Room D (E/F/S)</p>	
		<p align="center"><b>13.00-14.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 15:</b> Side event: Financing digital industrialization – Organizer(s): South Africa – Room E (E/F)</p> <p><b>Session 16:</b> Side event: Trade for peace through WTO accessions: Opportunities for the private sector – Organizer(s): G7 + WTO Accessions Group, The Netherlands – Room S3 (E/F/S)</p>	<p align="center"><b>13.30-14.00</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Session 17: Development Hub</b></p> <p>Leveraging Services for Development: Policies and Prospects</p> <p>Organizer(s): ADB, ADBI Library</p>
	<p align="center"><b>14.00-15.15</b> <b>Session 18: Plenary</b></p> <p align="center"><b>South-South and Triangular cooperation: Supporting economic diversification and empowerment</b></p> <p align="center">Room CR (E/F/S)</p>	<p align="center"><b>14.00-15.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 19:</b> Side event: Economic diversification and increase of exports from Angola – Organizer(s): Angola – Room B (E/F)</p> <p><b>Session 20:</b> Side event: Leapfrogging the digital gap: addressing practical challenges for scaling up digital trade – Organizer(s): Netherlands, Benin – Room D (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 21:</b> Side event: Gender Integration in Aid-for-Trade Facilitation: Existing Tools and Lessons Learnt – Organizer(s): Sweden, WCO – Room S2 (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 22:</b> Side event: Facilitation 2.0 Lite – Organizer(s): World Economic Forum, Australia, Denmark – Room S3</p> <p><b>Session 23:</b> Promoting regional integration through MSME Value Chains – Organizer(s): COMESA – Room E</p>	<p align="center"><b>14.30-15.00</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Session 24: Development Hub</b></p> <p>Global Value Chain Development Report 2019</p> <p>Organizer(s): WTO, WBG, OECD, IDE-Jetro, UIBE Library</p>

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Day 1 – 03.07	<b>15.15-16.30</b> <b>Session 25:</b> <b>Regional Focus</b> Room CR <b>Africa Focus</b> Supporting economic diversification and empowerment Organizer(s): UNECA (E/F)	<b>15.15-16.30</b> <b>Session 26:</b> <b>Regional Focus</b> Room D <b>Asia and Pacific Focus</b> Supporting economic diversification and empowerment Organizer(s): ABD		
	<b>15.15-16.30</b> <b>Session 27:</b> <b>Regional Focus</b> Room E <b>Latin-America and Caribbean Focus</b> Supporting economic diversification and empowerment Organizer(s): IADB (E/F/S)	<b>15.15-16.30</b> <b>Session 28:</b> <b>Regional Focus</b> Room S1 <b>Islamic Development Bank Focus</b> Supporting economic diversification and empowerment Organizer(s): ISDB (E/F/S/A)		
	<b>16.45-18.00</b> <b>Session 29:</b> <b>Thematic Focus</b>  <b>Women Entrepreneurs: making the Buenos Aires Declaration happen</b> Room D Organizer(s): WTO (E/F/S)	<b>16.30-17.45</b> <b>Session 30:</b> <b>Thematic Focus</b>  <b>Making e-commerce work for all</b> Room W Organizer(s): Belgium, ITC, UNCTAD, WBG (E/F/S)	<b>16.30-17.30</b> <b>Session 31:</b> Side event: Cambodia Trade Integration Strategy 2019-2023 - Organizer(s): Cambodia - Room S2 <b>Session 32:</b> Side event: Diversifying Exports in Fragile LDCs: Action for Peace and Poverty Reduction - Organizer(s): EIF, UNDP - Room E (E/F) <b>Session 33:</b> Side event: Economic integration in the Maghreb: An untapped source of Aid for Trade and Growth – Organizer(s): IMF - Room S1 (E/F/S) <b>Session 34:</b> Side event: From Aid to Investment: Supporting economic diversification and industrialization in Africa - Organizer(s): UNIDO, Japan – Room CR (E/F)	<b>16.45-17.15</b> <b>Session 35: Development Hub</b> Harnessing a joint public-private approach to facilitate trade in LDCs Organizer(s): GATF, EIF Atrium
			<b>18.00 – 19.00</b> <b>Session 36:</b> Side event: Women's sport, trade and economic empowerment - Organizer(s): WTO - Room D (E/F/C)	
<b>18.45-20.00 Session 37: Social event - WTO Lake Terrace – End of Day 1</b>				

Day 2 – Thursday 4 July 2019 – Morning

	Plenary, Thematic or Regional Focus	Side Events	Development Hubs
Day 2 – 04.07		<p><b>8.00-09.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 38:</b> Side event – Breakfast briefing Aid for Inclusive Trade: Extending the Benefits of Trade to Reduce Poverty - Organizer(s): World Vision Australia - Room A</p> <p><b>Session 39:</b> Side event – Breakfast briefing Inclusive Trade Matters - How Canada advances Aid for Trade related priorities in the context of its Feminist International Assistance Policy – Organizer(s): Canada - Room F</p> <p><b>Session 40:</b> Side event – Breakfast briefing Digital Trade in Africa: Implications for Inclusion and Human Rights - Organizer(s): UNECA, OHCHR, FES - Room B</p>	
	<p><b>9.00-10.30</b> <b>Session 41: Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Economic diversification and the blue economy – what role for a WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement?</b></p> <p>Room CR</p> <p>(E/F/S)</p>	<p><b>9.00-10.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 42 (10.00-17.30):</b> Side event: Integrating Central Asia into the World Economy through Sustainable Transport and Trade Facilitation - Organizer(s): UNECE SPECA, UNESCAP – Room S2 (all day) (E/R)</p> <p><b>Session 43:</b> Side event: Driving competitiveness and economic inclusion of the Landlocked Developing Countries in global trade through trade facilitation - Organizer(s): Paraguay, UNOHRLLS - Room E (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 44 (9.00-11.00):</b> Side event: 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative for the Arab States (AFTIAS) Program: How to empower the participation of Arab countries through strategic value chains - Organizer(s): ITFC - Room S3 (E/F/A)</p> <p><b>Session 45:</b> Side event: Women in LDCs who rock international trade: Building gender-based trade - Organizer(s): GTPA, EIF - Room B (E/F)</p>	

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<p><b>10.30-12.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 46: Thematic Focus</b></p> <p><b>Trade Facilitation: Interconnection of the corridor networks for inclusive trade and economic diversification</b></p> <p>Room W</p> <p>Organizer(s): UK, Canada, TMEA (E/F/S)</p>	<p><b>10.00-11.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 47:</b> Side event: Moving beyond SPS and TBT: Challenges of the Green Market - Organizer(s): UNCTAD, EU, Ecuador, FTAO - Room E (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 48 (10.30-11.30):</b> Side event: Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025 - Organizer(s): PIFS - Room B</p>	<p><b>10.45-11.45</b></p> <p><b>Session 49: Development Hub</b></p> <p>The Economy According to Her</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Organizer(s): CEPR, EUI, ITC</p>
	<p><b>11.00-12.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 50:</b> Side event: Women's enhanced participation in trade through technological upgrading in agriculture - Organizer(s): Finland, FAO, UNCTAD - Room D (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 51 (11.00-13.00):</b> Side event: EU-ACP Trade and Development Cooperation - Revolutionizing economic diversification and empowerment - Organizer(s): EU, ColeACP, TradeCom II Programme, CTA-Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation - Room S1 (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 52 (11.30-12.30):</b> Side event: Stepping-up in the Pacific: Australian approaches to aid for trade - Organizer(s): Australia - Room B</p> <p><b>Session 53:</b> Side event: Advancing Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation for Trade Diversification and Inclusive Development - Organizer(s): UN Regional Commissions - Room E (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 54:</b> Side event: E-commerce + Accessibility – Experiences in Bridging the Missing Link - Organizer(s): Chinese Taipei – Room S3</p>	

Day 2 – Thursday 4 July 2019 – Afternoon

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Day 2 – 04.07	<p><b>12.00-13.15</b>  <b>Session 55:</b>  <b>Thematic Focus</b></p> <p><b>Quality Infrastructure for Trade: Better Quality, Better Trade</b>                      Room W</p> <p>Organizer(s):                      WTO, WBG</p> <p>(E/F/S)</p>	<p><b>12.00–13.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 56:</b> Side event: Harnessing trade facilitation for deeper regional integration – experience from Asia and Africa – Organizer(s): UNCTAD - Room E (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 57:</b> Side event: Value Chains: Potential and commercial, economic, technological instruments – Organizer(s): African Group - Room F (E/F)</p> <p><b>Session 58:</b> Side event: Breaking Silos to Support Economic Diversification and Empowerment – Developing countries and LDCs – Organizer(s): Sweden, Tanzania, CUTS - Room D</p> <p><b>Session 59 (12.30-13.30):</b> Side event: Vanuatu: Preparing for LDC Graduation – risks and opportunities – Organizer(s): Vanuatu - Room B</p>	<p><b>12.15-12.45</b></p> <p><b>Session 60:</b>  <b>Development Hub</b></p> <p>Supporting development through trade and investment agreements: Canadian experience</p> <p>Organizer(s): Canada, Cowater Sogema</p> <p>Atrium</p>
	<p><b>14.00-15.30</b>  <b>Session 61: Plenary</b></p> <p><b>LDC Graduation: Supporting Inclusive and Sustainable Development in graduating LDCs</b></p> <p>Room CR</p> <p>(E/F/S)</p>	<p><b>14.00-15.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 62:</b> Side event: Adding Value: Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development – Organizer(s): SECO, UNIDO - Room S1 (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 63:</b> Side event: Enhancing sustainable value chains: the role of Aid for Trade – Organizers: EU, ITC, UNECE - Room E (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 64 (14.00-16.00):</b> Side event: Nigeria-KOWGO: Indigenous digital solution for achieving SDGs, trade and women's empowerment – Organizer(s): WADHI, Nigeria - Room S3 (E/F)</p>	



Day 2 – Thursday 4 July 2019 – Afternoon (continued)

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Day 2 – 04.07	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15.15-16.30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 65: Thematic Focus</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Investing in SPS capacity for safe trade and sustainable development</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Room D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Organizer(s): Standards and Trade Development Facility (E/F/S)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15.00-16.00</b></p> <p><b>Session 66:</b> Side event: From Aid for Trade to supporting ACP countries supply-side capacity: lessons from partnership - Organizer(s): ACP, Commonwealth, OIF, Organisation professionnelle des industriels cotonniers et textiles de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, Agence du café robusta d'Afrique et de Madagascar – Room E (E/F/S)</p> <p><b>Session 67:</b> Side event: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal: Connectivity and trade facilitation - Organizer(s): CUTS, ADB – Room S1</p> <p><b>Session 68:</b> Side event: Realizing Guinea's economic and social transformation – Organizer(s): Guinea – Room B (E/F)</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16.30-17.45</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 69: Thematic Focus</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aid for Trade: a vehicle to build climate resilience</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Room W</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Organizer(s): UNEP, EU (E/F/S)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16.30-17.30</b></p> <p><b>Session 70:</b> Side event: Trade Facilitation and the Sustainable Development Goals: exploring the synergies and strengthening linkages - Organizer(s): Commonwealth Small States Office - Room F (E/F)</p> <p><b>Session 71:</b> Side event: E-commerce in francophone countries: which strategies and what that means for inclusive development - Organizer(s): OIF, UNCITRAL, UNCTAD - Room E (E/F)</p> <p><b>Session 72:</b> Side event: Addressing Market Access constraints in Regional Trade – Organizer(s): COMESA – Room D</p> <p><b>Session 73:</b> Side event: Facilitating trade in the digital age - what does it mean for customs – Organizer(s): WCO – Room S1 (E/F/S)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16.30-17.00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 74: Development Hub</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inclusive Trade in Africa: The African Continental Free Trade Area in Comparative Perspective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Organizers: OECD, UNECA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Library</p>

Day 2 – Thursday 4 July 2019 – Evening

	Plenary, Thematic or Regional Focus	Side Events	Development Hubs
Day 2 – 04.07	<b>17.45-19.00</b>  <b>Session 75: Thematic Focus</b>  <b>Promoting Affordable and Renewable Energy for All: The Contribution of Trade and Quality Infrastructure to the Green Transition</b>  Room W Organizer(s): WTO, IRENA (E/F/S)	<b>17.30–18.30</b>  <b>Session 76:</b> Side event: The promise and pitfalls of market-based development interventions for women in low and middle-income countries – Organizer(s): WISE Development Network and DAI - Room B (E/F)  <b>Session 77:</b> Side event: No Quality, No Trade - Organizer(s): Germany - Room S3  <b>Session 78:</b> Side event: Linking trade facilitation with sector development and investment policy to promote industry and services in Africa – Organizer(s): TRALAC, TBI - Room D (E/F/S)	<b>17.30–18.30</b>  <b>Session 79: Development Hub</b>  Trade facilitation Organizer(s): WBG, WTO, DFID Atrium
	End of Day 2		

Day 3 – Friday 5 July 2019

Plenary, Thematic or Regional Focus		Side Events	Development Hubs
Day 3 – 05.07	<b>9.00-10.30</b> <b>Session 80: Thematic Focus</b> Supporting trade recovery in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclones Idai & Kenneth Room D Organizer(s): WTO (E/F/S)	<b>9.00-10.30</b> <b>Session 81: Thematic Focus</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Forum on WTO Accessions: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for Economic Transformation and Sustainable Peacebuilding Room E Organizer(s): WTO	<b>9.00 – 10.30</b> <b>Session 82:</b> Side event: Empowering women in trade, innovation, and the green economy Organizer(s): WTO - Room S3  <b>Session 83:</b> Side event: Aid for Trade as a catalyser of regional value chains – Export diversification strategies and WAEMU countries – Organizer(s): WTO Academic Chairs Programme - Room S2 (E/F)
	<b>10.30-13.00</b> <b>Session 84: Closing Plenary</b> Room W (E/F/S)		
	End of Day 3		