

**INVESTMENT FACILITATION FOR DEVELOPMENT****WEBINAR ON THE BENEFITS OF THE INVESTMENT FACILITATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

*Held on Monday, 22 January 2024, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. CET*

In light of the finalization of the IFD Agreement in November 2023, and in perspective of the upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference (26-28 February 2024) at which the IFD Agreement will be made public, the co-ordinators of the IFD Initiative in the WTO, Ambassador Sofia Boza (Chile) and Ambassador Jung Sung Park (Republic of Korea), cordially invite you to a:

**Webinar on the benefits of the Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement**

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Virtually over Zoom (with interpretation into French and Spanish)

**Objectives:** Hear from, and exchange with, renowned academics and representatives of leading International Organizations who will share their experience and provide insights on the relevance and expected benefits of the IFD Agreement.

**Zoom Registration Link:** Please [click here to register](#) and receive the link for this webinar (registration is free of charge).

For any question, kindly contact [email-IFD@wto.org](mailto:email-IFD@wto.org).

**Programme:****THE BENEFITS OF THE INVESTMENT FACILITATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

**(Webinar open to the public)**

**Moderator:** Mr. Karl P. SAUVANT (Columbia Law School; Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment)

**❖ Opening remarks**

Deputy Director-General Johanna HILL (World Trade Organization)

**❖ Brief introduction of the IFD Agreement**

Ambassador Sofia BOZA (Chile, co-Coordinator of the IFD Initiative)

**❖ Inclusive and development-friendly plurilaterals as an opportunity for the multilateral trading system**

Mr. Maarten SMEETS (Shanghai University of International Business and Economics; World Trade Institute)

**❖ Economic impacts of investment facilitation**

Mr. Axel BERGER (German Institute of Development and Sustainability)

**❖ Transparent rules and efficient procedures: What investors want**

Mr. Khalid ALAAMER (World Economic Forum)

**❖ How developing countries can leverage the IFD Agreement to upscale their production/exports and as an anchor for their investment climate reforms**

Mr. Ivan NIMAC (World Bank)

**❖ Next steps for the IFD Initiative**

Ambassador Jung Sung PARK (Republic of Korea, co-Coordinator of the IFD Initiative)

**❖ Q&A and discussion****❖ Closing remarks**

Mr. Karl P. SAUVANT (Columbia Law School; Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment)