

WORKSHOP ON REGULATORY PRACTICES

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Biographies

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Mr. Harsha V. Singh, Deputy Director-General, WTO Secretariat

Harsha Vardhana Singh is Deputy Director General, WTO, since October 2005. His direct responsibilities include areas of Agriculture, Services, Trade and Environment, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and Technical Barriers to Trade.

Prior to that he was Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) from May 2001 to September 2005, and Economic Advisor, TRAI for about four years from June 1997. As Secretary TRAI he was in charge of all policy and administrative aspects of TRAI, where he was a key part of the team which introduced telecom reform in India. He managed all interactions of TRAI with national and international agencies/bodies, was Member/Chair of a number of High Level Committees to address policy issues, served as Chair of Dispute Settlement Panels of the WTO, and was member of trade advisory committees of the Indian government.

From June 1985 to 1997, he was part of the GATT/WTO Secretariat. During this period, he worked in the Office of the WTO Director General, and Divisions dealing with Trade and Environment and Technical Barriers to Trade, Rules, Trade Policy Review, and Economic Research and Analysis. In addition to regular work of the GATT/WTO Secretariat he was secretary of Dispute Settlement Panels and also serviced the Uruguay Round negotiations.

He has been consultant to various organizations such as the ILO, UNCTAD, World Bank, and Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (Ministry of Industry, Government of India). He is Adjunct Professor at the Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has been honorary Professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), and Visiting Faculty at the TERI School of Advanced Studies for their M.A. in Regulatory Studies.

Mr. Hamid Mamdouh, Director, Trade in Services Division, WTO Secretariat

Hamid Mamdouh is the Director of the Trade in Services division of the WTO. The Trade in Services Division of the WTO is the part of the Organization responsible for servicing the WTO Council for Trade in Services which oversees the implementation of the General Agreement of Trade in Services (GATS). The Division is also responsible for providing legal, policy and technical advice to Member governments of the WTO.

Prior to that he was a Senior Counsellor in the Services Division. He had been the Secretary of the WTO Council for Trade in Services since the establishment of the WTO in 1995. During that time, he was also responsible for all legal affairs in the area of Trade in Services. During the Uruguay Round negotiations his responsibilities included legal matters relating to the drafting of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

His previous positions in the GATT include: Assistant to the Deputy Director-General of the GATT and legal advisor on GATT dispute settlement. Prior to that he was a member of the Diplomatic Service of Egypt. As a career diplomat for commercial and economic affairs, his previous posts include; representative of Egypt to the GATT in Geneva, trade policy advisor to the Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade of Egypt, commercial attaché of the Egyptian Embassy in Canberra (Australia), and Egypt's representative to the United Nations Economic commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia). As a trained lawyer legal matters have constituted an important part of his work throughout his career.

Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, The World Bank

Bernard Hoekman manages the World Bank's international trade department. Prior positions at the World Bank include Research Manager of the trade and international integration team in the Development Research Group; manager of the trade capacity building program of the World Bank Institute; and trade economist in the Middle East/North Africa and Europe and Central Asia departments. Before joining the World Bank in 1993, he was an economist in the GATT Secretariat in Geneva (1988-93), supporting the Uruguay Round negotiations. He has published widely on the GATT/WTO, trade negotiations, international trade and investment in services, trade preferences and regional integration. He is a graduate of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan and is a Research Fellow of the London-based Centre for Economic Policy Research. His most recent publication is *The Political Economy of the World Trading System* (Oxford University Press, 3rd edition, 2009).

Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, Officer-in-Charge of Division of Trade in Goods, Services and Commodities, UNCTAD

Mina Mashayekhi is the Officer-in-Charge of the Division of International Trade in Goods, Services and Commodities and Head of Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch. Her professional experience encompasses trade policy-oriented analytical work and technical cooperation and capacity building on trade related issues, trade negotiations and international trading system. She has published articles on a variety of trade issues including on regulatory and institutional frameworks in services sectors in various journals and UN publications.

Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre

Martin Khor is the Executive Director of the South Centre, which is an inter-governmental body with 51 member states of the developing world. The Centre's secretariat is in Geneva. He was previously the Director of the Third World Network, which is a network of NGOs and research centers in the developing world. Khor is an economist, with degrees from Cambridge University and the Science University of Malaysia. He is the author of several books and papers on issues relating to trade and development, environment and sustainable development, including "Globalisation and the South", and "Intellectual Property, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development". He has also been following the recent negotiations at the UNFCCC.

Ms. Evdokia Moisé, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, OECD

Evdokia Moisé-Leeman is senior trade policy analyst in the Trade Policy Linkages and Services Division of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Trade and Agriculture Directorate in Paris. She is responsible for the OECD work in the area of trade facilitation and for regulatory issues affecting market openness and trade. She has joined the OECD in 1990 and has worked on a variety of international trade policy issues in support of WTO discussions and negotiations, including trade and environment, intellectual property protection, regional trade agreements, or technical barriers to trade. Before joining the OECD she worked in a private law firm in Athens. She holds a Masters of Law Degree from the University of Athens and a DEA of International Law from Paris II University.

In the context of her work on regulatory issues she has contributed to the elaboration of the OECD Guiding Principles for Regulatory Quality and Performance and of the APEC-OECD Integrated Checklist on Regulatory Reform; and conducted the review of regulation and market openness in several OECD countries, including France, Greece, Hungary, Mexico, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. In the context of her work on trade facilitation she has identified and analysed good governance practices adopted by OECD and non-OECD countries in implementing trade facilitation and conducted an assessment of costs and challenges incurred by developing countries in implementing trade facilitation measures under negotiation. She has organized a number of OECD policy-dialogue-type conferences on trade facilitation and participated in WTO technical assistance workshops in developing countries.

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Ms. Erica Moeser, President of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)

Erica Moeser has been the president of the National Conference of Bar Examiners since 1994. She is a former chairperson of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association and has served as a law school site evaluator, as a member of the Section's Accreditation Committee, and as the co-chairperson of the Section's Bar Admissions Committee. She worked as the director of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for 17 years before joining the National Conference.

Ms. Moeser holds the following degrees: B.A. (geology), Newcomb College of Tulane University, 1967; M.S. (Curriculum and Instruction), the University of Wisconsin, 1970; and J.D., the University of Wisconsin, 1974. She was admitted to practice law in Wisconsin in January 1975. Ms. Moeser holds honorary degrees from three law schools. She has taught Professional Responsibility as an adjunct at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Mr. Lee Ming Tao, Principal Analyst, Economic Regulation & Licensing Department, Regulation Division

Ming Tao graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Masters in Applied Economics. He has been with the Energy Market Authority of Singapore since 2006. As a Principal Analyst, he is responsible for developing and reviewing the regulatory frameworks of Singapore's electricity and gas industries.

Mr. Innocent Bajiji, National Coordinator, Rwanda Development Board

Innocent Bajiji is a highly skilled Rwandan Economist with significant experience in regulatory reforms. Mr. Innocent currently works for Rwanda Development Board as a national coordinator of Rwanda e-regulations project. He is specifically charged with implementing regulatory reforms in order to improve the investment climate and improve Rwanda's ranking in the World Bank doing business report. During his tenure in this role, he has played an important role in collaboration with Rwanda Development Board's doing business unit to make Rwanda emerge for two years in the row as the top global reformer attaining a 58th position in the World among 183 countries assessed by the World Bank doing business publication.

Mr. Darrell Porter, Office of Best Practice Regulation

Darrell Porter is the Deputy Executive Director of the Australian Office of Best Practice Regulation. The Office of Best Practice Regulation plays a central role in assisting departments and agencies to meet the Australian Government's best practice regulation requirements and in monitoring and reporting on their performance. It serves a similar role for the Council of Australian Governments in relation to national regulatory proposals.

Ms. Wiebke Pankauke, Internal Market Directorate, European Commission

Wiebke Pankauke was born in Hamm, Germany. She studied journalism in Dortmund (Germany) and Stockholm (Sweden). She has a Master of Laws (LL.M) in European law from Edinburgh University (UK).

Ms.Pankauke worked as a journalist in Germany and as a legal officer for the European Ombudsman. Since February 2009 she has worked as policy officer in the European Commission's Directorate General for the Internal Market and Services, responsible for communication and training on the IMI system.
