

## WTO INVITATION: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

### WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: ACHIEVING AN EQUAL FUTURE IN A COVID-19 WORLD. COVID-19 RECOVERY PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN

8 March 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Geneva time)

The WTO invites you to celebrate International Women's Day and discuss **Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World**.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an economic tragedy worldwide but has hit women the hardest as they work in most of the sectors directly and severely impacted by the crisis. Women's economic empowerment is a development and growth stimulus, but their needs and special situation are scarcely included in recovery policies and financial packages. There is room for action and trade can help. Programmes and tools are currently being launched in various regions that could mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on women. While assessing the current situation, this session will highlight some of those initiatives. The panel will also outline how female leadership needs to be enhanced and how it can help recover from this economic and social crisis.

PROGRAMME	
<b>Time</b> <b>11:00-11:05</b>	<b>Session</b> <b>Opening</b>  Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO
<b>11:05-11:50</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b>  <i>Speakers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO;</li><li>• Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the WTO;</li><li>• Ana Patricia Benedetti Zelaya, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the WTO;</li><li>• Harald Aspelund, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iceland to the WTO;</li><li>• Shinta Widjaja Kamdani, Executive Board Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); CEO of the Sintesa Group; Vice Chairwomen of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.</li></ul> <i>Moderator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anoush der Boghossian, WTO Trade and Gender Focal Point</li></ul>
<b>11:50-12:00</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>