
PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE WTO

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Webinar

The WTO negotiations agenda at the MC12: Towards a sustainable recovery

*In the context of the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference
Friday, 12 November 2021, 14.00 to 16.00 (CET)*

Concept note

The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) will be held in a context that is dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the destabilizing impact of which makes it urgent to take robust measures to reinvigorate global trade and the multilateral trading system.

The discussions at MC12 will focus on a number of issues aimed at significantly contributing to the recovery of global trade.

An agreement on fisheries subsidies, agriculture, possible progress on Joint Statement Initiatives (JSIs) such as investment facilitation, domestic regulation in the field of services and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), or a decision on WTO reform, are all expectations of the MC12.

During the webinar on *The WTO's Negotiations Agenda at MC12: Towards a sustainable recovery*, parliamentarians will interact with high level panelists on challenges, expectations and possible outcomes of the MC12.

The webinar will be addressed by:

- Ambassador Dacio Castillo, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the WTO, Chair of the General Council of the WTO (TBC)
- Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Director, Division of Market Development International Trade Centre (ITC)
- Ms. Anoush der Boghossian, WTO Trade and Gender Focal Point, Development Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)

The webinar will be moderated by:

- Mr. Nadir Manzoor, Speaker of the Parliament of Guyana, co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, and
- Mr. Bernd Lange, MEP, Chair of the Committee on International trade (INTA) and co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO.

The webinar will take place on the Zoom platform.