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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

09:00–12:30	Pre-Conference session of the Steering Committee (<i>in camera</i>)
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–18:00	Steering Committee (<i>in camera</i>): Finalization of the outcome document
18:00–19:00	Dinner for all participants in the Parliamentary Conference

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

09:30–10:00	Group photo
10:00–11:00	Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Aboubakary Abdoulaye, President of the Senate (Cameroon)• Mr. Luc Magloire Atangana Mbarga, Minister of Foreign Trade (Cameroon); President of the WTO 14th Ministerial Conference• Mr. Manzoor Nadir, Speaker of the National Assembly (Guyana) and IPU co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO• Mr. Bernd Lange, Chair of the Committee on International Trade, European Parliament, EP co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO• Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union• Mr. Saqer Abdullah Almoqbel, Chairperson of the WTO General Council
11:00–12:30	WTO and its reform Interactive dialogue with senior WTO negotiators and officials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO (<i>from 11:15-11:45</i>)• Mr. Matthew Wilson, Ambassador of Barbados to the WTO (coordinating the ACP group)• Mr. Petter Olberg, Ambassador of Norway to the WTO and facilitator on WTO reform• Ms. Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and the Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations of Singapore

Moderator: **Mr. Jörgen Warborn**, Member of the European Parliament

- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–16:00 Presentation of reports and interactive debate on the substantive theme:
Fairness and development for all through global trade
- Rapporteurs:
- **Mr. Borja Gimenez-Laraz**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Mr. Benjamin Kalu**, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (Nigeria)
 - **Mr. Diego López González**, Coordinator on Economic and Social Policies, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Moderator: **Mr. Javier Moreno Sanchez**, Member of the European Parliament
- 16:00–18:00 Discussion: ***Artificial intelligence and trade***
- Rapporteurs :
- **Mr. Brando Benifei**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Mr. Marwan O. Al Muhairi**, Member of the Federal National Council (United Arab Emirates)
 - **Ms. Kholofelo Kugler**, Head of Trade Law at Besso, Switzerland
- Moderator: **Mr. Manzoor Nadir**, Speaker of the National Assembly (Guyana) and IPU co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO
- 18:00–18:30 **Adoption of the outcome document**
- Rapporteur: **Senator Isaac Fon Chafah**, Secretary, Senate Bureau, Cameroon
- Closing remarks:**
- **Mr. Manzoor Nadir**, Speaker of the National Assembly (Guyana) and IPU co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO
 - **Mr. Bernd Lange**, Chair of the Committee on International Trade, European Parliament, EP co-Chair of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO
 - **Mr. Theodore Datouo**, President of the National Assembly of Cameroon
 - **Mr. Salomon Eheth**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations Office and other international Organizations in Geneva