



Addressing trade-related challenges of the 21st century: Making parliamentarians fit for action

Seminar for members of parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the European Parliament in collaboration with the World Trade Organization and with the support of the National Congress of Argentina

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday 21 November

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| 09.30 - 10.00 | Opening ceremony |
| 10.30 - 11.30 | Session 1: How useful are the WTO rules and functions? |
| 11.30 - 13.15 | Session 2: Providing parliamentary perspective to the work of the WTO:
Actions of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO over the decades |
| 13.15 - 14.15 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 14.15 - 16.00 | Session 3: The WTO in-between Buenos Aires and Nur-Sultan
Ministerial Conferences: how parliamentarians could help? |
| 16.00 - 16.15 | <i>Coffee/ Tea Break</i> |
| 16.00 - 17.45 | Session 4: the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA):
The contribution of parliaments to its implementation |
| 17.45 - 18.00 | Wrap up of the discussion of Day 1 |

Friday 22 November

- 09.00 - 10.15 **Session 5: Sharing experiences of the countries of the region on TFA**
- 10.15 - 10.30 Coffee/ Tea Break
- 10.30 - 12.00 **Session 6: WTO and Regional Trade Agreements:
Overview of the situation in the region**
- 11.45 - 13.15 **Session 7: Making trade's substantive contribution to the
Development through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
What role for parliamentarians?**
- 13.15 - 14.30 *Lunch Break*
- 14.30 - 16.15 **Session 8: Other issues on the WTO agenda of particular interest to
the countries of the region: E-commerce and SMEs?**
- 16.00 - 16.15 *Coffee/ Tea Break*
- 16.15 - 17.30 **Session 9: Working groups: identification of key
parliamentary actions for the way forward**
- 17.30 - 18.00 Presentation of the groups' findings to the plenary
- 18.00 - 18.15 **Closing Remarks**