

Trade in Primary Products and Competition Policy
Room CR, WTO, 154 Rue de Lausanne, Centre William Rappard 1211 Geneva,
Switzerland
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PROGRAMME AGENDA

Opening Session		9.00-9:30 AM
<p>Ramamurti Badrinath, Director, CUTS Geneva Resource Centre Frederic Jenny, Chairman, Competition Committee, OECD Alejandro Jara, Deputy Director General, World Trade Organisation</p>		
Session I: How do primary product markets work?		9:30-11:00AM
<p><i>Chair: Flavio Damico</i> <i>Minister Counsellor,</i> <i>Permanent Mission of Brazil</i></p>		
<i>Issues</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Discussants</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market structures • Determinants of supply and demand • Role of speculation and the 'financialisation' of commodities • Anticompetitive practices • Government interventions • Effect on developing countries 	<p>Steve McCorrison Head, Department of Economics and Professor of Agricultural Economics, Exeter Business School, UK</p> <p>Marian Radetzki Professor of Economics, Lulea University of Technology, Sweden</p>	<p>Jamel Zarrouk Chief, Economics and Technical Department, Arab Monetary Fund, Abu Dhabi</p> <p>Qian Hao Associate Professor, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China</p> <p>Ahmed Ghoneim Professor of Economics, Cairo University, Egypt</p>
Session II: Anti-competitive practices in primary markets		11:00-12:30 PM
<p><i>Chair: Ambassador Tim Yeend</i> <i>Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the WTO</i> <i>Permanent Mission of Australia</i></p>		
<i>Issues</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Discussants</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International export cartels in primary products • Vertical exclusive arrangements • Monopsony power in international agri-food products 	<p>Frédéric Jenny Chairman, Competition Committee, OECD</p> <p>John M Connor Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, Indiana, USA</p> <p>Bibek Debroy Professor of Economics, Centre for Policy Research and International Management Institute, New Delhi, India</p>	<p>Marc Ivaldi Professor, Toulouse School of Economics and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Toulouse, France</p> <p>Aradhna Aggarwal Director, CUTS International</p> <p>Kusha Haraksingh Chair, Caribbean Community Competition Commission, Trinidad & Tobago</p>

Session III: Anticompetitive practices: Governance and Challenges		2:00-3:30PM
<i>Chair: Guillermo Valles</i> <i>Director, International Trade in Goods, Services and Commodities, UNCTAD</i>		
<i>Issues</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Discussants</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Export cartels and exemptions from domestic competition laws (e.g. material distribution) • Export restrictions in raw materials • Transnational mergers and acquisitions in raw materials: effects and remedies 	<p>Simon Evenett Professor of International Trade and Economic Development and Director of Swiss Institute for International Economics, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland</p> <p>Pradeep Mehta Secretary-General, CUTS International</p>	<p>Eugenio Diaz-Bonilla Executive Director for Argentina and Haiti, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, USA</p> <p>Dmitri Rylko General Director, Institute for Agricultural Market Studies (IKAR), Moscow, Russia</p>
Session IV: Systemic issues & policy options for the future		3:30-5:30PM
<i>Chair: Michael Plummer</i> <i>Head, Development Division, OECD</i>		
<i>Issues</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Discussants</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can competition policy help improve the performance of primary products markets? • To what extent are competition policy principles already built into or interface with WTO Agreements? • Conflicts of jurisdictions and overlapping remedies: issues and solutions. • How does the development of competition policy in major developing countries affect the issue? 	<p>Will Martin Research Manager, Agriculture and Rural Development, in the Development Research Group.</p> <p>Robert Anderson Counsellor, Intellectual Property Division, World Trade Organization</p>	<p>Vera Thorstensen Professor, School of Economics of São Paulo (FGV Foundation)</p> <p>Simon Evenett Professor of International Trade and Economic Development and Director of Swiss Institute for International Economics, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland</p>
Closing Session		5.30-6:00 PM
<p>Ramamurti Badrinath, Director, CUTS Geneva Resource Centre Frederic Jenny, Chairman, Competition Committee, OECD</p>		

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