EIF @ WTO PUBLIC FORUM 2018

2–4 October 2018 | World Trade Organization
Where: Room W
When: Thursday, 4 October 17:00–18:30

More than 1.6 billion people still live in countries affected by fragility and conflict, with many today living in Least Developed Countries (LDCs). By 2030 most of the world’s poor are expected to live in fragile and conflict-affected countries. While trade opens new opportunities, the countries that have long been isolated by years of conflict, including 13 out of 22 governments acceding to the WTO, are yet to fully realize their trade potential. They face specific conflict-related challenges in building their economic foundation and integrating into the global economy to strengthen their economies and institutional framework, to attract investments, and to raise the standards of living.

The working session will focus on the role of trade in fragile contexts to help achieve the SDGs. It will discuss how trade policy can be harnessed to prevent conflict, build resilience and contribute to inclusive and sustainable development. The role of WTO accessions and its contribution to peace and state building, and how these could be expedited to facilitate faster recovery from conflict, will also be analysed.

ORGANIZERS: World Trade Organization (WTO), g7+ Secretariat, Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: H.E. Mr. Xanana Gusmão, Former President and Former Prime Minister of Timor-Leste

MODERATOR: Ambassador Alan Wm. Wolff, Deputy Director General, WTO Secretariat

PANELLISTS:
H.E. Mr. Peter Bayuku Konteh, Minister for Trade and Industry of Sierra Leone, g7+ Chairing Country
H.E. Ms. Kamila Sidiqi, Deputy Minister for Commerce at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Afghanistan
Ms. Maryan Hassan, Chief Negotiator for the Accession of Somalia to the WTO
Ms. Sara Sekkenes, Conflict Prevention and Partnerships Advisor, UNDP
Mr. Will Martindale, Head of Policy and Research, at UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)
Where: Room Z
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Films screening all day

#trade4dev and EIF
Trading for Malawi’s farmers, and the future
Entrepreneurs in action in Comoros
Gambia getting more from cashews

In some of the most impoverished countries in the world, agriculture is the backbone of the economy. From household cultivation to cooperative harvesting to large-scale commodity production, the growing of crops for sustenance and for income supports millions of the African continent’s poor. To create more stability for citizens and to increase exports for sustainable development, countries are taking trade analysis and applying it to their agricultural sectors – building on the promise of higher yields, better quality harvests and more markets.

Those efforts are as diverse as the people, the countries and the geographies, and this suite of videos examines three different approaches in Africa to enhancing agricultural production while expanding markets, and changing lives in the process.

Please join us for the launch of these EIF stories – that show the impact trade can have on farmers, that show how people with ideas can spur new industry, that show how partnerships can catalyze outcomes, and that demonstrate how agriculture fosters development in LDCs.

ORGANIZER:
Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)
PARTICIPATING IN:

**EIF PANELLIST: Ratnakar Adhikari, EIF Executive Director**

The 4th Industrial Revolution: What is in it for the multilateral trading system and developing countries?

*Where:* Room S3  
*When:* Tuesday, 2 October 15:30–17:00  

**ORGANIZERS:** Ministry of Commerce, Government of Tunisia and Consumer Unity & Trust Society International (CUTS)

Technology for trade and agriculture: Unleashing agriculture global value chains (GVCs) potential in OIC Member Countries

*Where:* Room E  
*When:* Tuesday, 2 October 17:00–18:30  

**ORGANIZER:** International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

How to harness the industrialization opportunities of the African Continental Free Trade Area in the digital age

*Where:* Room D  
*When:* Wednesday, 3 October 15:30–17:00  

**ORGANIZER:** United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

**EIF PANELLIST: Annette Ssemuwemba, EIF Deputy Executive Director**

Agricultural technology (AgTech) disruptors in East African value chains: Implications for regional integration and inequality

*Where:* Room S2  
*When:* Tuesday, 2 October 14:00–15:30  

**ORGANIZERS:** East African Community (EAC) and Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Women, trade and development: Experiences supporting women’s-led organizations in developing countries to improve their participation in initiatives aiming at boosting production, processing and trade

*Where:* Room B  
*When:* Wednesday, 3 October 17:00–18:30  

**ORGANIZER:** CIDEAL Foundation for Cooperation and Research
The Enhanced Integrated Framework brings together partners and resources to support the Least Developed Countries in using trade for poverty reduction, inclusive growth and sustainable development.

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