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Trade for peace:

Integration of fragile states into the global economy as a pathway towards peace and resilience

A panel discussion at the WTO Public Forum 2018
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17:00 to 18:30 | Room W at the WTO



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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*

H.E. Mr. Moses Hassan Ayet Tiel, *Minister for Trade, Industry and East African Community Affairs, South Sudan*

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)*

More than 1.6 billion people still live in countries affected by fragility and conflict, with many today living in Least Developed Countries. 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.

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