

The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus

in cooperation with the World Trade Organization

24 October 2018, 15:30 – 17:30

Palais des Nations, E-building, floor 1, Room XXIV

This high-level event will shed light on the evolving relationship between trade, investment and development in the new era of globalization and industrialization. The event will also discuss how the mounting trade tensions and the resurgence of trade and investment protectionism affect global trade, global value chains and investment prospects. Taking the Global Leaders Investment Summit outcome as basis, the event will focus on formulating strategies for developing countries to deal with ongoing and emerging challenges within the context of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and their commitment to meeting the SDGs. The issues to be addressed include:

- What strategies should developing countries design and adopt to cope with the new era of globalization and industrialization?
- How to translate such coping strategies into national and international policies?
- What can international organizations do to assist developing countries deal with the issues arising from the resurgence of unilateralism and strengthen cooperation in trade and investment to meet the SDGs?

Moderator: Mr. Sean Doherty, Head, International Trade and Investment, and member of the executive committee, World Economic Forum

15:30 – 15:40 Keynote addresses

- **Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- **Mr. Karl Brauner**, Deputy Director-General, WTO

15:40 -16:40 Panel discussion

- **H.E. Mr. Come Hassab**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Central African Republic
- **H.E. Mr. Ziad Ladhari**, Ministre du développement, de l'investissement et de la coopération internationale, Tunisia
- **H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr**, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, Egypt
- **H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
- **H.E. Mr. Amandurdy Ishanov**, Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, Turkmenistan (tbc)
- **Ms. Duangjai Asawachintachit**, Secretary General, Board of Investment, Thailand
- **Mr. Osamu Onodera**, Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy (G20) Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
- **Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, Chief Executive Officer, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
- **Mr. Brian Wong**, Vice President of Global Initiatives, Alibaba Group

16:40 – 17:15 Q&A

17:15 – 17:30 Closing remarks