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OECD PRACTITIONERS FORUM: MAKING THE MOST OF AID FOR TRADE

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The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is working to make Aid for Trade more effective. In that context, it is collaborating with the WTO in setting up a monitoring framework for aid-for-trade. This OECD forum aims at ensuring that developing countries take full advantage of the aid-for-trade initiative and in particular the WTO-led monitoring framework. The forum will include a discussion on the objectives and process of the monitoring framework and a special session dedicated to the use of the WTO-OECD recipient questionnaires as a reporting template for the WTO Global Aid-for-Trade Reviews.

The OECD Practitioners forum has been designed to promote an open dialogue among all participants. They should include government officials from the ministries of finance, trade and planning/development with responsibilities ranging from trade performance, the design and implementation of aid-for-trade programmes to reporting to the WTO on Aid for Trade.

The Forum is open to all participants of the "Mobilizing Aid for Trade: Focus Africa" meeting.

Further information and background documents are available at:

www.oecd.org/dac/trade/aft/events

Draft agenda

15:30-15:40 **Welcome and opening remarks:**

Richard Manning, OECD/DAC Chair

15:40-16:40 **Session 1: MONITORING AID-FOR-TRADE: WHY AND HOW?**

Lead speaker: Frans Lammersen, Principal Administrator, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD

Lead speaker: a country co-ordinator for monitoring the Paris Declaration (tbc)

The objective of this session is to set out the aid-for-trade monitoring framework, including the pivotal role of the WTO annual review, and its potential for providing more and better aid-for-trade. The OECD will present the objectives and the process of the WTO-led monitoring framework. The country expert will highlight the main lessons learned from monitoring the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

16:40-17:45 **Session 2: WHAT TO REPORT TO THE WTO AID FOR TRADE REVIEW?**

Lead speaker: Dr. Vishnu Bassant, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius

The objective of this session is to discuss the use of the recipient' questionnaire, which has been developed to assist with the 'in-country assessments' of aid for trade, and has been sent to all relevant WTO member governments. The questionnaire aims to uncover a mixture of qualitative and quantitative data to provide information on resources and policy formulation, on performance and on aid delivery processes. These assessments can be presented at the first Annual WTO Global Aid for Trade Review on 20-21 November 2007. Two or three developing countries from the region will have been asked to pilot the questionnaire. These case studies will provide useful experiences for participants and key recommendations on what and how to report to the WTO Aid for Trade review.

17:45-18:00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Richard Manning, OECD/DAC Chair