

Roundtable on Trade and Poverty

MAKING THE INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK A TOOL FOR POVERTY REDUCTION?!

Geneva, Thursday, 18th October

PROGRAMME

Workshop objective

The (Enhanced) Integrated Framework for Trade Related Technical Assistance (IF) to LDCs is being maneuvered to play a major role in integrating trade related needs into PRSPs and guiding the Aid for Trade process. But, is the IF suited to playing this role? What space is there for country ownership and responding to poverty issues? What steps need to be taken to improve the functioning of this facility?

This workshop aims to provide a space in which representatives from the Integrated Framework countries (focal points, ministry representatives, LDC missions and CSOs) can engage with the main IF agencies, the donor community and NGOs to discuss the ongoing challenges facing the IF and address critical questions about ownership and how the IF responds to the challenge of tackling poverty.

Registration 9.00am – 9.30am

Introduction to the Enhanced-IF – 9.30am-10.30am

- *Ambassador Don Stephenson, Head of IF Task Force*
- *Christiane Kraus, Head of IF Project Implementation Unit*

Theme 1 – Promoting effective and inclusive ownership

Session 1, 11.00am-12.30pm – What spaces for widening participation?

- *Peggy Mlewa, First Secretary, Mission of Zambia to the WTO*
- *Peter Elimu, Senior Foreign Trade Officer, Ministry of Trade Uganda*

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Session 2, 1.30pm-3.00pm – Tackling the challenges faced by non-state actors in engaging with the IF

- *Sok Hach, Director, Economics Institute of Cambodia*
- *Elly Twineyo, Director, African Centre for Trade and Development (ACTADE), Uganda*

Theme 2 – Integrating trade-poverty perspectives into DTISs / Action Matrices

Session 3, 3.30pm-5.00pm – Critically and constructively assessing the content of DTISs/Action Matrices

- *Gideon Rabinowitz, Centre Manager, CUTS International (London)*
- *Ratnakar Adhikari, ED, South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment*