



PROGRAMME

International Dialogue on WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism: Experience Sharing Among Developing Countries

Holiday Inn Chang An West Beijing (北京长峰假日酒店)

9-10 July 2008

Day 1

- 8:30-9:00am Registration**
- 9:00-9:30am Introductory remarks**
- Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz**
Chief Executive
International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)
- Yongjiang Gu**
Chairman
China Society for WTO Studies (CWTO)
- 9:30 – 10:00am Keynote speeches**
- An observation of the future of WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism**
Xiaozhun Yi
Vice Minister
Ministry of Commerce
- Developing Countries usage of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism: Trends and Facts**
Bruce Wilson
Director of Legal Affairs,
World Trade Organisation
- 10:00 – 10:30am Session I**
Strategic relevance of WTO Laws and Dispute Settlement Mechanism for developing countries
- This session will provide an overview of strategic relevance of WTO laws and dispute settlement for developing members, analyze the facts and trends of developing countries in using the WTO dispute settlement mechanism, and highlight challenges for the system and for developing countries.



Speakers:

Supperamaniam Manickam

Former Ambassador
Mission of Malaysia to the WTO

Gregory Shaffer (ICTSD Senior Fellow)
Wing-Tat Lee Chair of International Law
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-12:15pm Discussants

Sebastian Thomas

Counsel
Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL)

Xiankun Lu

Counsellor
Chinese Mission to the WTO

Open discussion

12:30-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:00pm Session II
Using WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism: China's 6 years in the WTO

This session will draw lessons from China's experiences in the WTO dispute settlement mechanism as a complainant, a defendant and a third party. The panellists will look at both national coordination mechanisms and the international process in negotiations, litigation and implementation of decisions.

Speakers:

Liyu Han

Associate Professor
School of Law, China Renmin University
(Author of China Study)

Wei Zhao

Deputy President and Secretary General
China Paper Association

Peter K. Yu

Kern Family Chair in Intellectual Property Law
Drake University Law School, U.S.A.;
Wenlan Scholar Chair Professor
Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China



3:00 - 3:15pm

Break

3:15- 5:00pm

Discussants

Jingyi Guo, Inspector(Director General Ranking), Department of Treaty & Law, MOFCOM, Tbc

Chad P. Bown, Associate Professor
Department of Economics and International Business School
Brandeis University

Sam Lee, Managing Partner, G & G Law Firm , Deputy-Director of International Practice and WTO Affairs Law Committee of All China Lawyers Association (ACLA)

Open discussion

7:00pm

Dinner

Day 2

9:00-10:00am

Session III

Challenges at the national level: The experience of other developing countries

Panellists will explore the challenges faced by developing countries which have utilised the WTO dispute settlement mechanism with an emphasis on issues such as institutional mechanisms for reception, assessment and management of pre litigation and litigation, financial and technical aspects, and the actual and potential role of all stakeholders including the private sector, academia and think tanks, civil society organizations, and international organizations.

Speakers

Michelle Ratton Sanchez

Professor at the São Paulo Law School,
Getulio Vargas Foundation (DireitoGV),
(Brazil's experience)

Ravi Bangar

Deputy Permanent Representative
Mission of India to the WTO
(India's experience)

David Ouma Ochieng

Executive Director
Center for International Trade & Investment Law
(Kenya's experience)

10:00-10:15am

Break



10:15-12:15pm

Discussants

Rongjiu Xue

Vice Chairman, CWTO

Professor, University of International Business and Economics

Pedro de Camargo Neto

Former Secretary of Production and Trade

Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture

Baihua Gong

Director, Information Division,

Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Centre

Professor, Law Faculty, Fudan University

Deputy Director, China Research Centre WTO Dispute Settlement

Open discussion

12:30-2:00pm

Lunch

2:00-3:00pm

Session IV

Review of the Dispute Settlement Body: Developing Countries Participation

Building from overview on strategic relevance of WTO dispute settlement mechanism, analysis of challenges specific to emerging developing countries and options to advance their sustainable development objectives, and lessons from country case studies, the session will discuss options and strategies for developing countries participation in the DSB Review process in the context of achieving a more level playing field for all WTO members. The panellists will also explore forward thinking for developing countries to address major challenges, and recommendations for all stakeholders to build and strengthen partnership

Speakers:

Shandana Gulzar Khan

Legal Affairs Officer

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO

Carlos Vejar Borrego

Counsellor

Mission of Mexico to the WTO

Clement Ng'ong'ola

Professor of Law

Department of Law, University Botswana

3:00-3:15

Break



3:15-4:00pm

Discussants:

Xingguo Fu

Director
Department of WTO Affairs
MOFCOM

Ronald Saborio

Ambassador of Costa Rica
Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the WTO

Minyou Yu

Professor and Dean
WTO Studies School of Wuhan University

Open discussion

4:00-4:30pm

Wrap-up session

Xiangchen Zhang

Director General
Department of WTO Affairs
Chinese Ministry of Commerce

Gregory Shaffer

Wing-Tat Lee Chair of International Law
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

4:30-5:00pm

Conclusive remarks

Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz

Chief Executive
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Jiahuang Wu

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