

# **“New Issues” vs Development in the WTO: What Role for UNCTAD?**

**Monday July 18, 2016  
11-12noon or 12noon – 1pm  
UNCTAD XIV Civil Society Event (Tents)**

The Nairobi WTO Ministerial concluded with ambiguity regarding the future negotiations: Will the WTO's agenda focus on the development issues that developing countries have demanded since the founding of the WTO, including Special and Differential Treatment and the transformation of unfair agricultural rules? Or will the door be open for a new wish-list of issue pushed by developed countries, including ecommerce, investment and government procurement. *This session will also focus on what should be the Role of UNCTAD in ensuring a positive outcome in WTO and other trade deals.*

Speakers:

- Ms Jane Nalunga, SEATINI, Uganda
- Ms Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network, India
- Mr Burghard Ilge, Both ENDS, Netherlands
- Ms Jane Kelsey, Auckland University, New Zealand
- Ms Deborah James, Center for Economic and Policy Research, United States

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## **Inclusive Trade for Development: How Can UNCTAD Help to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals?**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016  
12noon – 1pm  
UNCTAD 14 Civil Society Event (Tents)**

Governments around the world agreed in September 2015 to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also known as Agenda 2030. Unfortunately, current WTO rules were not designed with these goals in mind. Therefore in the post-2015 environment, for the inclusive achievement of the SDGs, it is essential for international rules designed in previous eras to be brought into conformity with the new 21<sup>st</sup> century thinking on trade for development. Given that trade is referred to repeatedly under the SDG's Means of Implementation, and is one of the pillars of the Financing for Development agreement called the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) as well as one of the priority areas of action of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (IPoA) which recently in May had the High-Level Midterm Review; now is the perfect time for governments to review the existing WTO agreements with a view to ensuring that the rules allow for countries to achieve the SDGs, particularly in countries at the margins of the global economy in LDCs and Africa, or where inequalities serve to foment social conflict in the Middle East, as well as for workers in global supply chains worldwide. This panel will focus on the issue: What should be the Role of UNCTAD in Trade and Sustainable development, in order to change the WTO rules to accommodate the achievement of the SDGs?

Speakers:

Ms Prerna Mingma Bomzan, LDC Watch, Nepal  
Ms Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network, India  
Mr Lehlohonolo Chefa, Policy Analysis and Research Institute of Lesotho (PARIL), Lesotho  
Dr. Jelil Bedoui, Forum Tunisien des Droits Economiques et Sociales, Tunisia

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# **The Proposed Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA): Help or Hindrance in Achieving the SDGs and the Role of UNCTAD**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016, time TBD  
UNCTAD 14 Civil Society Event (Tents)**

Governments around the world committed to ensuring universal access to quality public services including education, health care, water, electricity as well as transportation and communications in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This panel brings together trade in services experts with years of experience that have analysed the proposed text, and will offer diverse perspectives as to whether the proposed rules would contribute to inclusive prosperity, democratic decision-making and access to quality, accessible public services as envisioned in the SDGs. Experts will cover the core text as well as chapters relating to the function of governments including Domestic Regulation, Transparency, Government Procurement, Mode 4, and State Owned Enterprises, as well as the New Provisions Applicable to All Services, and sectoral chapters including E-commerce, financial services, and energy services, and a cross-sectoral perspective on public services with a view to the SDGs, and a special focus on what should be the Role of UNCTAD in helping to achieve the SDGs with regards to quality public services.

## **Speakers:**

Dr Jane Kelsey, Professor of Law, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Ms Celeste Drake, AFL-CIO, US

Mr Baba Aye, Deputy General Secretary, Medical and Health Union of Nigeria

Ms Deborah James, Center for Economic and Policy Research, US

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## **Inclusive Agricultural Development: The Role of UNCTAD in Reducing Hunger and Achieving the Right to Food in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East**

**July 20, 2016, 12noon – 1pm  
UNCTAD XIV Side Event (Tents)**

Most agricultural production in Asia, the Middle East, and African countries is undertaken by small farmers working a few hectares or less, and the vast majority of the work is done by women on family farms. A 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to trade in agriculture recognizes the current context of climate change, global commitments to the eradication of hunger through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the ways that smallholders and women farmers' empowerment must be supported by domestic resource mobilization and investment in promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Yet, the current WTO rules were drafted 20 years ago with the narrow goal of increasing trade in agricultural products and have failed to adjust to the current dynamics and evolved global consensus. Fortunately, WTO members set a deadline of December 2017 to adjust these rules to allow developing countries to invest in domestic production for food security through public stockholding programs, and the Nairobi Ministerial set forth negotiations a Special Safeguard mechanism to promote food security, rural development and farmers' livelihood. This panel will look at the Role of UNCTAD in shaping a global trade regime that will allow countries to achieve the SDGs with regards to reducing rural poverty and eradicating hunger.

## **Speakers:**

Ms Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network, India

Ms Prerna Bomzan, LDC Watch, Nepal

Tetteh Hormeku, Third World Network – Africa, Ghana

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**Attending personnel from Public Service International PSI:**

	· David Dorkenoo, PSI Africa Regional Secretary	
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	· Baba Aye, Deputy General Secretary, Medical and Health Union of Nigeria	
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