



Trade Knowledge Workshop

Parliament of Canada

Ottawa, March 18-20, 2007

PROGRAM

Saturday, March 17, 2007	
	Arrival and greeting of participants at the Ottawa International Airport Registration of Participants and Receipt of Documents at the Lord Elgin Hotel Lobby (4pm-8pm)
Sunday, March 18, 2007	
8:45 am	Assemble in the hotel lobby / Departure for Old City Hall 111 Sussex Drive
9:00 – 9:30 am	Words of Welcome <i>Mr. James Bezan, MP, Chair of the Canadian Section of FIPA</i> Speech of the President of FIPA <i>Mr. Luiz Carlos Hauly, Brazilian Chamber of Deputies</i>
9:30 – 10:45 am	First Module: Trade Rules and Politics 1 Facilitator: William Dymond, Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL) Given that laws and regulations that result from the WTO and regional and bilateral trade agreements have profound effects at the local and national levels, it is essential that elected representatives are able to both influence the international trade policy development process and understand its implications for their constituents. Developing countries face a dual challenge in that they are the most vulnerable to the changes of economic globalization and have the fewest resources with which to manage or even benefit from these changes. Working from the perspectives and priorities of elected officials, modules 1 and 2 will provide an overview of the essential elements of trade regulations and the political dynamics surrounding them, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the fundamentals of, and rule-making in, the international trade system; • roles/priorities of multilateralism, regionalism and bilateralism as approaches to trade policy objectives; • trade agreement implementation and administration
10:45 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	(Continued) First Module: Trade Rules and Politics 1
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Hosted by <i>Mr. James Bezan, MP, Chair of the Canadian Section of FIPA</i> Le Café du Musée, Canadian Museum of Civilization 100 Laurier St., Gatineau
2:00 - 3:15pm	Cultural Visit Canada Hall - Canadian Museum of Civilization 100 Laurier, Gatineau
3:15 – 4:45 pm	Second Module: Trade Rules and Politics 2 Facilitator: William Dymond, CTPL <i>See description of modules 1 and 2 under First Module</i>

4:45 – 5:00 pm	Coffee Break
5:00 – 6:15 pm	(Continued) Second Module: Trade Rules and Politics 2
6:15 pm	Return to the hotel
7:15 pm	Assemble in the hotel lobby / Departure for restaurant
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Dinner Le Tartuffe, 133 Notre-Dame-de-l' île St., Gatineau

Monday, March 19, 2007	
8:30 am	Assemble in the hotel lobby / Departure for Old City Hall 111 Sussex Drive
9:00 – 10:30 am	Third Module: Parliament's Role in Trade and Development Facilitator: Robert Miller, Parliamentary Centre Module 3 will consist of three parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary entry points on trade and development issues, focusing on committees and inter-parliamentary organizations. • Determinants of parliamentary effectiveness, focussing on organization and consistency of parliamentary engagement and information and research support. • Parliamentary capacity building, focussing on initiatives internal to parliament and external assistance and cooperation (e.g. FIPA).
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	(Continued) Third Module: Parliament's Role in Trade and Development
12:15 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Hosted by <i>Mr. Leon Benoit, M.P., Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade</i> Room 601, Parliamentary Restaurant
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Attendance at Question Period
3:00- 4:15 pm	Fourth Module: Public Consultation: From Citizen to Policy Facilitator: Laura Ritchie Dawson, CTPL This module will help parliamentarians to explore various tools and strategies that may be used for effective dialogue with civil society including business, labour and other social groups. Included in the module will be discussions on changing public perceptions about international trade and the rationale for public consultation both as a tool for information exchange and as a means to build public support for government initiatives.
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Coffee Break
4:30 – 6:00 pm	(Continued) Fourth Module: Public Consultation: From Citizen to Policy
6:00 pm	Return to the hotel
6:45 pm	Assemble in the hotel lobby / Depart for restaurant
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner Hosted by <i>Mr. Ted Menzies, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade and to the Minister of International Cooperation</i> Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

Tuesday, March 20, 2007	
8:30 am	Assemble in the hotel lobby / Departure for Old City Hall 111 Sussex Drive
9:00. – 10:30 am	<p>Fifth Module: Trade Liberalization and Poverty Reduction Facilitator: Erick Zeballos, Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Division, IADB</p> <p>The 5th module will provide participants with a general understanding of the implications of trade liberalization reforms on poverty reduction and will strengthen the participants' capacity to analyze and identify trade policy options that have a relevant poverty-reduction impact. Participants will be introduced to conceptual frameworks for the analysis of trade and poverty linkages and exposed to different analytical frameworks for understanding the effects of trade liberalization on different groups of producers and consumers both, at the household and individual levels.</p> <p>Based on some empirical evidence of trade and poverty trends participants will identify and analyze the issues that limit the diffusion of the benefits of trade to a large majority of individuals in the region. Finally, participants will analyze and discuss the policy implications of trade negotiations and trade reforms for the poor, with emphasis on the analysis of pro-poor complementary domestic policy measures implemented in parallel to trade reforms.</p>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am- 12:00 pm	(Continued) Fifth Module: Trade and Poverty Alleviation
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Working Lunch at Whitton Hall
1:30 – 3:30 pm	<p>Sixth Module: Gender Equality, Trade and Development Facilitators: Heather Gibb, North-South Institute (NSI)</p> <p>The gender and trade module will introduce key concepts in gender, trade and poverty, and discuss the international framework for gender equality in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Beijing Platform for Action, Millennium Development Goals, and others. Drawing on case studies, the module will discuss how trade liberalization can have different impacts for women and men in employment and wages in manufacturing, agriculture and services.</p>
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Event feedback and evaluation session
4:00 – 5:45 pm	Return to the hotel / Free time
5:45 pm	Assemble in the hotel lobby / Departure for the Embassy of Brazil
6:00-8:00 pm	<p>Reception Hosted by <i>His Excellency Valdemar Carneiro Leão, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil in Ottawa</i> 400 Wilbrod Street</p>
8:00 pm	Return to the hotel

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