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Friday 10 December 2021

09.30 – 16.30

Programme

Time	Theme and speakers
Welcome and Keynote 09.30-10.00	Welcome Dr. Julinda Beqiraj , Maurice Wohl Senior Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, BIICL Keynote address H.E. Simon Manley , CMG, Ambassador, UK Mission to the WTO
Panel 1 10.00-11.30	Developing and delivering COVID-19 health technologies Moderator: Dr. Ellen 't Hoen , Director, Medicines Law & Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Challenges to equitable access Dr Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão, Assistant Director General, WHO- WTO COVID-19 related work: initiatives and collaborative efforts Roger Kampf, Counsellor, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, WTO- COVAX manufacturing task force Mathew Downham, Sustainable Manufacturing Lead, CEPI- Private sector collaboration Paula Pohja-Hutchinson, Director, Global Policy, Covid-19 Vaccine, Astra Zeneca- WTO members' perspectives Hiddo Houben, Deputy Permanent Representative, EU mission to the WTO Dr Ditya Agung Nurdianto, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the WTO

11.30 – 12.00 COFFEE BREAK

Panel 2
12.00-13.00

COVID-19 and trade in services

Moderator: **Xiaolin Chai**, Director, Trade in Services and Investment Division, WTO

- **As bad as it gets? COVID-19 and world services trade**
Antonia Carzaniga, Counsellor, Trade in Services and Investment Division, WTO
- **Private sector perspective**
Pascal Kerneis, Managing Director, European Services Forum (ESF)
- **WTO members' perspectives**
Courtney Edwards, Australian Permanent Mission to the WTO
Additional speakers TBC

13.00-14.00 LUNCH

Panel 3
14.00-15.00

COVID-19 food security and world trade

Moderator: **Dr. Doaa Abdel-Motaal**

- **Food export restrictions**
Dr. Doaa Abdel-Motaal, Senior counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO
- **Is there a global food shortage?**
Arnaud Petit, Executive Director, International Grains Council
- **Food security vs. food sovereignty**
Shengen Fan, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Board Member
- **The role of digitalization in food security**
Kamal Yakub, Chief Executive Officer, TROTRO Tractor Limited

Panel 4
15.00-16.00

How can trade support "Building Back Better" and a green recovery?

Moderator: **Isabelle Van Damme**, Partner at Van Bael and Bellis

- **Trade, wildlife and sanitary measures after COVID**
Christiane Wolff, Secretary to the WTO SPS Committee
- **How "green" has the recovery been so far? Challenges ahead and potential role for trade**

	<p>Speaker TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential roadblocks in the way: how to address pollution "leakage" concerns and avoid trade wars Michael Mehling, Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research (CEEPR), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) - What role for the WTO in the post-COVID era: ensuring trade works for climate and biodiversity Ludivine Tamiotti, Secretary to the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment
16.00 – 16.30	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Professor Dr. Gabrielle Marceau, Senior Counsellor, Research Division, WTO</p>