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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 , UK Mission to the WTO, UN and Other International Organisations (Geneva)
Panel 1 10.00-11.30	Developing and delivering COVID-19 health technologies Moderator: Dr Ellen 't Hoen , Director, Medicines Law & Policy / Dr Katrina Perehudoff , Co-director, Law Centre for Health and Life, University of Amsterdam <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, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN, the WTO and Other International Organizations (Geneva)

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
Shani Griffith-Jack, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the WTO
- **Discussant**
Hamid Mamdouh, King and Spalding LLP, formerly Director of the Services Division of the WTO, and diplomatic service of Egypt

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**
Shenggen 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: **Dr Isabelle Van Damme**, Partner at Van Bael and Bellis

- **Trade, wildlife and sanitary measures after COVID**
Christiane Wolff, Secretary to the WTO SPS Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How "green" has the recovery been so far? Challenges ahead and potential role for trade Dr. Elena Cima, Lecturer, University of Geneva - Potential roadblocks in the way: how to address pollution "leakage" concerns and avoid trade wars Dr Michael Mehling, Deputy 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 Professor Dr Gabrielle Marceau, Senior Counsellor, Research Division, WTO</p>