



**WTO PUBLIC FORUM  
IS MULTILATERALISM IN CRISIS?**

**The Multilateral Trading System in the 21st Century:  
Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy**

**Organizer: CUTS International, Geneva**

**Date: September 24, 2012**

**Time: 1615-1815**

**Venue: Meeting Room CR**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**1615-1625**      *Welcome Address*

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**1625-1645**      *Interface between trade and competition policies*

- Types of trade and competition related distortions in markets

Panellists:

**H.E. Ambassador Wayne McCook**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica\*

**Robert Anderson**, Counsellor, WTO

**Eduardo Perez Motta**, Chairman, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico and Chair of International Competition Network

**1645-1730**      *Case for Multilateralisation and Challenges*

- How effective would a multilateralisation of rules be in addressing cross-border externalities of the distortive policies?
- Given the growing number of national competition regimes in the world, would such rules be better received by countries?
- What kind of challenges would countries face in implementing such rules?
- What is the appropriate forum for negotiating/hosting such an agreement?

Panellists:

**H.E. Tim Yeend**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia

**H.E. Yoichi Otabe**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Japan

**Carlos Braga**, Director, Evian Group

***1730-1800***

***Floor Discussion***

***1800-1815***

***Concluding Remarks***

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