

Implications for jobs, consumers, and the environment and Africa of including investment in the post-Bali Roadmap

Friday 3 October 14:00-16:00

Room W, WTO

This session will examine the implications for developed and developing countries of some WTO members' suggestion of including investment in the Doha Round Roadmap. It will draw on analysis of existing investment treaties and investment chapters of free trade agreements to look at whether they have encouraged foreign direct investment, better wages and conditions and their impact on consumers and the environment, including in the context of the current financial crisis. It will be based on new academic research, investment disputes, negotiations and reports.

Speakers

- Elisabeth Tuerk, Chief, International Investment Agreements Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Wamkele Keabetswe Mene, Chargé d'Affaires, South African Permanent Mission to the WTO
- Yorgos Altintzís, Economic and Social Policy Officer, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Natacha Cingotti, Corporate Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Europe
- Sanya Reid Smith, Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher, Third World Network (TWN)

Interpretation will be provided.

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