

**SYMPOSIUM ON ISSUES CONFRONTING THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM**

**World Trade Organization  
Rue de Lausanne 154  
Geneva, Switzerland**

**FINAL PROGRAMME**

**The World Trade Organization will be the venue of a symposium on critical issues confronting the world trading system on 6 and 7 July 2001. Representatives from governments, non-governmental organizations, the media and members of the academic community are invited to participate.**

**Friday, 6 July**

**Venue**

<b>8:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration, badge distribution</b>	<b>CR<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Plenary opening</b>	<b>CR</b>
	Introduction by <b>Chairperson</b>	
	Mrs. Touré Alimata Traore - Minister for Industry, Trade and Transport, Mali	
	<b>Speakers:</b>	
	Mike Moore - WTO Director-General	
	Pascal Lamy - EU Commissioner for Trade	
	Dean Hirsch - International President of World Vision	
	Jaime Serra - Serra & Associates International	
	George Soros - Chairman, Soros Fund Management and the Open Society Institute	
<b>12.30</b>	Chairperson announces work sessions and arrangements for moderators, discussants, venues and reporting procedures for final plenary session	

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<sup>1</sup> New conference building

**2:30-5:30 pm Work sessions:**

<b>I:</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>CR</b>
<b>II:</b>	<b>TRIPS – Access to Essential Medicines</b>	<b>Room D</b>
<b>III:</b>	<b>Trade and Environment</b>	<b>Room W</b>
<b>IV:</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>WMO</b>
<b>V:</b>	<b>WTO &amp; Civil Society</b>	<b>Room E</b>

**6:00 – 8:00 pm Reception**

**CR**

**I: Agriculture – Issues and Negotiations**

**CR**

**Issues to be covered:** agricultural reform – negotiations  
developing country concerns  
non-trade concerns

**Programme:** Introduction by Moderator  
Presentations by Discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by Moderator

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi - Ambassador of Finland

**Discussants:** Risto Volanen - Secretary General, COPA-COGECA  
  
Lyall Howard - National Farmers' Federation, Australia  
  
Dr. Magdi Farahat - Permanent Mission of Egypt

**II: TRIPS - Access to essential medicines**

**Room D**

**Issues to be covered:** The relationship between the TRIPS Agreement and the generation of and access to pharmaceuticals

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by moderator

**Moderator:** Adrian Otten - Director, WTO Intellectual Property Division

**Discussants:** Professor Carlos Correa - University of Buenos Aires, Argentina  
  
Jeffrey Kushan - Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Washington, US

**III: Trade and Environment**

**Room W**

**Issues to be covered:** (1) MEAs and WTO rules  
(2) PPMs and labelling / GMOs  
(3) Market access - Agriculture and Fisheries

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by Moderator

**Moderator:** David Runnalls - President, International Institute for Sustainable Development

**Discussants:** on (1) Dr. Sitanon Jездapipat - Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand  
on (2) Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes - Head of the Department of International Law, University of Geneva  
on (3) David Schorr - Director, Sustainable Commerce Programme, WWF US

**IV: Services**

**WMO-Room A<sup>2</sup>**

**Issues to be covered:** 1) Regulation and liberalization under GATS  
2) Participation of developing countries

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by Moderator

**Moderator:** B.K. Zutshi - former Indian Ambassador to WTO

**Discussants:** on 1) Julian Arkell - International Trade and Services Policy (ITSP)  
on 2) Mohan Kumar - Permanent Mission of India

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<sup>2</sup> World Meteorological Organization- the WMO building is the modern, green glass building, located across the street from the WTO building.

**V: WTO & Civil Society**

**Room E**

**Issues to be covered:** 1) What role for NGOs in capacity building  
2) WTO institutional reform

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by Moderator

**Moderator:** Dr. Sylvia Ostry - Toronto University

**Discussants:** on 1) Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz - Executive Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Pradeep Mehta - Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society

on 2) John Bunzl - Director, International Simultaneous Policy Organisation

Tetteh Hormeku - Third World Network, Africa Secretariat

**6:00 -8:00 PM Reception for all participants**  
**Saturday, 7 July**

**CR**  
**Venue**

**10:00-1:00 pm Work sessions:**

**I: Food Safety and the SPS Agreement**  
**II: TRIPS – Bio-technology / Bio-diversity**  
**III: Trade and Development**  
**IV: Services**  
**V: WTO & Civil Society**

**CR**  
**Room D**  
**Room W**  
**WMO**  
**Room E**

**I: Food Safety and the SPS Agreement**

**CR**

**Issues to be covered:** (1) precaution  
(2) GMOs  
(3) Developing Country concerns

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by moderator

**Moderator:** Kazuaki Miyagishima – Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Kyoto University

- Discussants:** on (1) Dominique Taeymans - Confederation des Industries Agro-Alimentaires de l'UE
- on (2) Dr. Edward Groth - Senior Scientists, Consumers Union , USA
- on (3) Dr. Hélène Coulibaly Fanny - Côte d'Ivoire

**II: TRIPS – Bio-technology / Bio-diversity**

**Room D**

**Issues to be covered:** Patenting of biotechnological inventions; protection of traditional knowledge and genetic resources; relationship between the TRIPS agreement and the CBD

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by moderator

**Moderator:** Professor Thomas Cottier - Institute of European and International Economic Law, University of Berne

**Discussants:** Jeffrey Kushan - Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy,  
Washington D.C., USA

Dr. Suman Sahai - Gene Campaign, India

**III: Trade & Development**

**Room W**

**Issues to be covered:** Contribution of trade to development and poverty alleviation  
Importance of market access and equitable rules for developing countries  
Capacity building needs and mainstreaming of trade into development policies  
Trade liberalization, development and the environment - towards sustainable development

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by moderator

**Moderator:** David Runnalls - President, IISD

**Discussants:** Dr. Dilip K. Das - Asian Development Bank

Penny Fowler - OXFAM GB

Jeffrey Schott - Institute for International Economics

**IV: Services**

**WMO-Room A**

**Issues to be covered:** (1) Status of public services  
(2) Negotiating issues for the current services round

**Programme:** Introduction by moderator  
Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by moderator

**Moderator:** B.K. Zutshi - former Indian Ambassador to WTO

**Discussants:** on 1) Mike Waghorne - Public Services International  
on 2) Professor André Sapir - Université Libre de Bruxelles

**V: WTO & Civil Society**

**Room E**

**Issues to be covered:** WTO institutional reforms (continued)

**Programme:** Presentations by discussants  
Open discussion  
Summary by moderator

**Moderator:** Dr. Sylvia Ostry - University of Toronto

**Discussants:** Rachel Thompson - Global Trade Practice, APCO  
Dr. Sothi Rachagan - Director, Consumers International,  
Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Afternoon – Final Plenary Session**

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Moderators report on sessions

Wrap-up by Chairperson of the Symposium

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