

WTO and the Doha Round: The Way Forward Date: 6-7 April, 2006

Venue: Conference Hall 8, ITPO, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Thursday, April 6, 2006

1000hrs - 1030hrs Registration & Tea

1030hrs - 1130hrs Session I: Inauguration

Chair:

Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, ICRIER

Special Address:

Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director General, WTO

Keynote Address:

Mr. Kamal Nath, The Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry

Open Discussion

Vote of Thanks:

Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER

1130hrs - 1330 hrs Session II: Negotiations on Agriculture

Chair: Mr. Gopal Pillai, Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, India

State of Play: Dr. Surabhi Mittal, ICRIER

Way Forward: Dr. Ashok Gulati, IFPRI, New Delhi

Discussant: (i) Dr. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, India

(ii) Mr. R. Gopalan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce (iii) Ms. Anjali Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (iv) Prof. Biswajit Dhar, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT

(v) Mr. Christopher Langman, DFAT, Australia

Open Discussion

Summing Up by the Chair

1330hrs - 1430hrs Lunch

1430hrs – 1630hrs Session III: Non Agricultural Market Access Negotiations

Chair: Mr. Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission, India

State of Play: Dr. Suparna Karmakar, ICRIER

Way Forward: Mr. Tapan K. Bhaumik, Senior Advisor, RIL

Discussant: (i) Mr. Bibek Debroy, Secretary General, PHDCCI

(ii) Dr. Siddhartha Roy, Chief Economist, TATA Group

(iii) Mr. Rajeet Mitter, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

Open Discussion

Summing Up by the Chair

1630hrs - 1645hrs Tea

1645hrs - 1845hrs Session IV: Rules Negotiations

Chair: Mr. S. Narayanan, Former Indian Ambassador to WTO

State of Play: Mr. Sudhakar Dalela, MoC

Way Forward: Mr. Abhijit Das, UNCTAD, India

Discussant: (i) Mr. R. Parthasarathy, Lakshmi Kumaran & Sridharan, New Delhi

(ii) Mr. Sharad Bhansali, Strategic Law Group, New Delhi

Open Discussion

Summing Up by the Chair

1930hrs Reception & Dinner

Day 2: Friday, April 7, 2006

1000hrs - 1200hrs Session V: Market Access Negotiations in Services

Chair: Prof. B. K. Zutshi, Former Indian Ambassador to GATT

State of Play: Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, ICRIER & Dr. Krishna Gupta, MoC

Way Forward: Dr. Rupa Chanda, Professor, IIM-Bangalore

Discussant: (i) Mr. Basil Iilangakoon, Executive Vice Chairman, Marga Institute

(ii) Mr. Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

Open Discussion

Summing Up by the Chair

1200hrs - 1215hrs Tea

1215hrs - 1330hrs Session VI: Valedictory

Chair: Mr. Gopal Pillai, Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, India

Presentation by Rapporteurs of Sessions:

Agriculture: Dr. Surabhi Mittal

NAMA: Dr. Rajiv Kumar

Services : Dr. Arpita Mukherjee Rules : Dr. Suparna Karmakar

Chairman's Summary Valedictory Address:

Mr. Kamal Nath, The Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry *Vote of Thanks:* Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER

1330 hrs -1430 hrs Lunch