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Capacity Building in Trade and Sustainable Development: a side event organized by UNCTAD, UNEP and the Common Fund for Commodities

Time and venue: 3 September, 18:15 – 19:45, Sandton Convention Centre, Ballroom 2 (room subject to change, please check against Daily Journal)

Invited organizations: WTO, European Commission, other institutions

Chairs:

- H.E. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- H.E. Jan Pronk, Special Envoy of UN Secretary General to WSSD

Speakers:

- H.E. Professor Ioan Jelev, Secretary of State for Environmental Protection, Romania
- H.E. Professor Edward Rugumaya, Minister of Trade, Uganda
- H.E. Suivi-Anne Siimes, Minister for Development Cooperation, Finland
- Mr. Koos Richelle, Director General, DG Development, European Commission
- Mr. Rolf Boehnke, UN Under-Secretary General, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities
- Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, UN Assistant Secretary General, Deputy-Executive Director, UNEP
- Mr. Rene Vossenaar, Chief, Trade, Environment and Development, UNCTAD
- Mr. Hussein Abaza, Chief, Economics and Trade, UNEP
- Mr. Jorge Vigano, Counselor, Trade and Environment, WTO

Themes:

- UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade Environment and Development (CBTF): expanding the programme and engaging new partners
- Trade and the environment in the post-Doha context: maximizing the net development gains from trade and trade liberalization
- Scope for enhancing coordination and cooperation among UNCTAD, UNEP and the WTO in building capacity on trade, environmental and development
- Special capacity building needs of economies in transition, small island developing states and the least developed countries
- Enhancing contribution of the commodity sector to poverty alleviation and sustainable resource management
- Improving the resource base and delivery of technical assistance: announcing new contributions, extending the technical and geographical scope of programmes, advancing new and innovative project ideas
- Strengthening cooperation with regional and sub-regional organization in the implementation of the WSSD work programme.

For more information on WSSD, please see: <http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/>
More information on this side event will be posted by UNCTAD and UNEP on: http://www.unctad.org/trade_env/ and <http://www.unep.ch/etu/wssd/index.htm>