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**Trade, trade policy and inequality**

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

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**PROGRAMME**

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXVI
10:00 - 10:15	<p><b>Welcoming remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne</b>, UNCTAD Director, DTL <b>Opening remarks by Ms. Shani Griffith-Jack</b>, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the UN Office and Other International Organisations in Geneva</p> <p><i>Sessions will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Project Coordinator, Policy Capacity Building Section</i></p>	
10:15 - 11:45	<p><b>Session 1</b></p> <p>An important objective of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to reduce inequality within and among countries (SDG 10). This session will provide a methodological discussion about the ways to measure the major dimensions of inequality using the most up to date facts and empirical evidence.</p> <p>Additionally, this session will look at the most recent advances in economic theory to define and describe the different possible channels of transmission of any policy reform on inequality patterns.</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A session</i></p> <p><i>Presented by Mr. Marco Fugazza, Research Section, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p>	
11.45 - 12.00	Coffee break	
12.00 - 13.00	<p><b>Session 2</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the role played by trade policy in framing inequality patterns. It also touches upon the question of how international cooperation in wake of SDG17 could help in promoting convergence in general.</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A session</i></p> <p><i>Presented by Mr. Marco Fugazza, Research Section, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p>	

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Inequality has become a core concern of many policy makers around the world. An important objective of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to reduce inequality within and among countries (SDG 10). Trade has been often blamed for generating or exacerbating inequality not only amongst countries but also within countries. However, the relationship between trade and inequality both within and among countries is complex and not necessarily unidirectional. The main objective of the course is to qualify this relationship referring the most recent advances in economic theory and, using the most up to date facts and empirical evidence. The course starts with a description of the major dimensions of inequality and a discussion of the ways to measure them. It then defines and describes the different channels of transmission of any policy reform on inequality patterns. The last section of the course focuses on the role played by trade policy in framing inequality patterns. It also touches upon the question of how international cooperation in wake of SDG17 could help in promoting convergence in general.

The main objective of the course is to provide factual, methodological and analytical elements for a better and more informed understanding and appreciation of the policy debate about inequality and its consequences. By the end of the course participants will be able to define precisely the different dimensions of inequality and their measurement. They will also be able to identify any relevant channel of transmission between some policy reform with a strong focus on trade policy and the main dimensions of inequality. They will also be given the opportunity to discuss in detail any policy element they may have to focus in their professional duties.

**Marco Fugazza** is an economic affairs officer in the Division on International Trade and Commodities at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Before his current position he was an Economist at the French Ministry of Labour. He also worked as a Consultant for the World Bank and the ILO. His work has dealt with the determinants of export performance, south-south trade, non-tariff barriers, the political economy of trade agreements and the informal sector in labour markets. He has authored several publications in the field of international trade and economic development. He is also the co-author of two practical guides on trade analysis tools and the economics of non-tariff measures which have been used to develop face-to-face and online courses.

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