



1st Trade Ministerial Conference
of African and South American Countries
Marrakesh - 17th to 19th June 2008

TRADE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES MARRAKECH, JUNE 17TH-19TH, 2008

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2008: WORKSHOP ON THE GLOBAL SYSTEM OF TRADE PREFERENCES (GSTP) ORGANIZED IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)

- 18:00 Reception and registration of participants
- 18:30 Opening the proceedings of the Workshop on the Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP):
- Welcome speech by Mr. Khalid SAYAH,
Ministry of Foreign Trade, Kingdom of Morocco
 - Introductory speech by Mr. Delfino BONDAD,
Senior Adviser, GSTP/UNCTAD,
- 18:45 Factual information on the GSTP: History, modalities of the Agreement,...
Mr. Delfino BONDAD, Senior Adviser, GSTP/UNCTAD
- 19:15 Illustrations of the evolution of trade among participants
to the GSTP on the basis of some tariff reduction scenarios
Mr. Delfino BONDAD, Senior Adviser, GSTP/UNCTAD
- 19:45 Coffee break
- 20:00 Trade between Africa and South America

Mr. Delfino BONDAD, Senior Adviser, GSTP/UNCTAD
Mrs. Traki Jouini, GSTP/UNCTAD
- 20:30 Debate on the role of the GSTP in the promotion of trade
between Africa and South America
- 21:00 End of sessions

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2008: DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

- 08:30 Reception and registration of participants
- 09:00 Parallel meetings:
- Coordination between delegations of African countries
 - Coordination between delegations of South American countries
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:00 Opening speech of Morocco's representative
Adopting the Agenda
- 11:15 Presenting the draft texts of the Conference
- 11:30 Considering the Draft "Declaration of Marrakech"
- 13:00 Lunch hosted by the Moroccan Center For Export Promotion (CMPE)
- 14:30 Presenting the knowledge sharing virtual platform
By the representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- 15:00 Considering the Draft "Plan of Action of Marrakech"
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:15 Resuming sessions
- 20:00 End of sessions
- 22:00 Possibly resuming sessions



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THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2008: DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

- 08:30 Reception and registration of participants
- 09:30 Opening session of the Ministerial Meeting
- Reading of the speech of H.E. Mr. Abbas EL FASSI, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco
By H.E. Mr. Mohamed El Yazghi, State Minister,
- Speech delivered by H.E. Mr. Abdellatif MAAZOUZ, Chairman of the Conference, Minister of Foreign Trade, Kingdom of Morocco,
 - Speech delivered by H.E. Mr. Charles C. Ugwu, Minister of Trade and Industry, Federal Republic of Nigeria,
 - Speech delivered by H.E. Mr. Ivan Ramalho, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, Federative Republic of Brazil,
- 10:15 Group photo
- Coffee break
- 10:45 Adoption of the agenda
- 11:00 Message of H.E. Mr. Abdullah Janeh,
Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- 11:30 Considering the Draft "Declaration of Marrakech" and the Draft "Plan of Action of Marrakech"
- 12:30 Lunch hosted by Attijariwafabank
- 14:30 Resuming sessions
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:15 Resuming sessions
- 17:30 Adoption of the "Plan of Action of Marrakech" and the "Declaration of Marrakech"
- 20:00 Gala dinner hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (Dar Soukkar)