

**Conversation on the Global Trade and Investment Architecture**  
4 September 2015 – Geneva, Switzerland

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**Agenda**

**INVITATION ONLY**

08:45 – 9:00 **Welcome/Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Background on the Global Trade and Investment Architecture (GTIA) Conversations and Purpose of the Conversation** by Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz and Carolyn Deere Birkbeck

09:30 – 11:15 **Conversation on the Global Trade and Investment Architecture**  
Chair: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz  
Presentation: Carolyn Deere Birkbeck

The conversation will address five dimensions outlined in the draft overview paper written by Carolyn Deere Birkbeck and Kimberley Botwright:

- Purpose of the GTIA
- Scope of the GTIA
- Functions of the GTIA
- Challenges within the GTIA
- Roles and responsibilities of the GTIA in global governance

Participants will be asked to contribute ideas and debate which GTIA themes, trends, and policy options presented in the draft overview paper warrant priority attention. They will be invited to put forward ideas based on the work of their respective E15Initiative groups and beyond.

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Conclusions and next steps**  
Participants will be asked to provide suggestions on key experts to involve in conversations and political actors that could help move forward an eventual GTIA policy options agenda when it emerges in 2016.