

## E15 General Briefing

Tuesday 23 February, 11h00 – 13h00

WTO, Room W

The International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), the World Economic Forum, and 16 partnering institutions brought together more than 375 international experts in over 80 interactive dialogues between 2012 and 2015 under the E15 Initiative. At the core of the Initiative are 15 thematic Expert Groups and three Task Forces, each comprised of leading thinkers from developed and developing countries drawn from different fields and backgrounds. Their work has been complemented by an overarching dialogue looking at the global trade and investment architecture, involving consultations with hundreds of thinkers and policy-makers. The entire process has yielded approximately 150 analytical papers and its deliberations have stimulated a fresh look at the long-term challenges and opportunities facing the global trade and investment system, especially in respect of its efficacy, inclusiveness and contribution to sustainable development.

The policy option papers prepared by each E15 thematic group offered a detailed and comprehensive set of suggestions for improved governance of the global trade and investment system in the 21st century. They are accompanied by a Synthesis Report, which summarizes and interprets the significance of the proposals for progress on many of the international community's most important shared imperatives.

The session will provide an overview of the E15 Report launched at Davos, whilst highlighting options immediately relevant to the WTO and the broader global trade and investment system.

*Session duration: 120 minutes.*

Chair

- **Jonathan Fried**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada

Panellists

- **Richard Samans**, World Economic Forum
- **Bernard Hoekman**, European University Institute
- **Hosuk Lee-Makiyama**, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)
- **Harsha V. Singh**, ICTSD
- **Ilaria Espa**, World Trade Institute
- **Jaime de Melo**, University of Geneva; FERDI
- **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, ICTSD

Read the full policy option papers and Synthesis Report at <http://e15initiative.org/>.

### E15 Interactive Tool

Access and engage with the 150 E15 think pieces and overview papers

<http://e15initiative.org/interactive/>

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