



The **E15** Initiative

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**E15 – Midterm review**  
**Dialogue on Agriculture and Food Security Challenges:**  
**Development Challenges and Policy Options**

**ICTSD-IPC Expert Group Meeting**

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**10-12 June 2013**

World Meteorological Organization, 7bis, avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland

**Agenda**

**Monday 10 June**

14:00-17:30 **Session I: Agriculture and Food Security – Policy Options for MC9 and beyond**

Chair: Christophe BELLMANN (ICTSD)

*The first meeting of the E15 Expert Group on Agriculture and Food Security discussed how food security was affected by farm trade policies in general, agriculture trade as a tool for rural development, the role of support policies to tackle food insecurity and the effects that current and future agricultural policies could have on the environment. In addition, issues of transparency and the role that it plays in forming agricultural and environmental policies were discussed. During the meeting a variety of policy options emerged.*

*This session will provide the group with an overview of these policy options presented by Stefan Tangermann (University of Göttingen). The discussion will be enriched by short presentations by the authors of think pieces, which were drafted on the basis of issues which emerged after the first meeting – Tim Josling (Stanford University), David Blandford (Penn State University), Sébastien Jean (CEPII), Bipul Chatterjee (CUTS International) and Sophia Murphy (Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.)*

*Open Discussion*

**Tuesday 11 June**

9:00-12:30 **Open discussion (Cont.)**

Chair: Ellen TERPSTRA (IPC)

*During this morning session participants will continue the discussions of the previous day and agree on preliminary policy recommendations to be presented to the Open Plenary on the morning of 12 June.*

18:00 **Reception**

### Wednesday 12 June

9:30-10:00 **Open Plenary: Presentation of Main Findings**

Chair: Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ (ICTSD)

*The E15 Initiative – Strengthening the Multilateral Trading System: Process and Purpose*

10:00-11:00 *During this plenary session, the theme leaders will inform a targeted audience of policymakers, trade negotiators, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academics, ambassadors and the private sector about the main findings of the E15 initiative and its (preliminary) policy recommendations on each respective topic. E15 experts and the audience will engage in substantive discussions in a non-negotiating context in order to transform the ideas and recommendations into action.*

- Global Value Chains - Sherry M. STEPHENSON (ICTSD)
- Agriculture and Food Security - Stefan TANGERMANN (University of Göttingen)
- Regional Trade Agreements - Kati SUOMINEN (IDB)
- Functioning of the WTO - Manfred ELSIG (WTI)

11:00-12:30 **Open Discussion**

12:30-14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30-15:00 **Presentation** by Anabel GONZALÉZ (Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica)

*WEF Global Agenda Council on Trade and FDI report on “FDI as a Key Driver for Trade, Growth & Prosperity: The Case for a Multilateral Agreement on Investment”*

15:00-18:00 **Closed Plenary: Summary and the Way Forward**

Chair: Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ (ICTSD)

*In this closed plenary the theme leaders will summarize the discussions from the morning and engage all E15 experts in an open discussion about the policy recommendations as well as future steps. Possible proposals will be explored ensuring that the expert group process actively informs domestic and international policy-making, negotiations and decision-making on the respective topics of the E15 groups.*