



Round Table 3

“Looking ahead: International trade as an engine of development”

(3 p.m. - 6 p.m., 30 November 2008, Al Majlis Auditorium)

Provisional Programme

3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Panel Discussion

Co-Chairs:

- **H.E. Ms. Ana Vilma de Escobar**, Vice-President of El Salvador
- **Ms. Olga Algayerova**, State Secretary of the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: **Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza**, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization

Panelists:

- **Mr. Pedro Luiz Carneiro de Mendonça**, Under Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, Brazil
- **Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva and President of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board
- **Mr. Miguel Hakim**, Secretary for Iberoamerican Co-operation, Secretaria General Iberoamericana
- **Mr. Abdoulie Janneh**, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa
- **Mr. Sun Zhenyu**, Ambassador of China to World Trade Organization
- **Mr. Paavo Väyrynen**, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development, Finland

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Interactive Debate

Biographical notes

Mr. Pedro Luis Carneiro de Mendonça is Undersecretary-General for Economic and Technological Affairs of Brazil. Previously, he was Special Adviser for Parliamentary and Federative Issues in the Ministry of External Relations in 2004-2005. He held a number of other positions before that, including Head of the International Trade and Manufactures Division and Head of the Financial Policy Division. Mr. Carneiro de Mendonça served as Ambassador of Brazil to a number of countries in Africa from 2001 to 2004 and was subsequently Consul General in Paris.

Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office, World Trade Organization and other International Organizations in Geneva and Vienna. Dr. Debapriya is currently President of the governing board of UNCTAD and Coordinator of the LDC Group in the UN System in Geneva. He is concurrently accredited to the Holy See in the Vatican. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Executive Director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue – a leading think tank in South Asia. He has earlier worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies. He was a Visiting Fellow at ODI, Tokyo, UN-INTECH, Maastricht and Strathclyde University, Glasgow. He was also a Senior Fulbright Fellow at the Centre for Global Development in Washington DC.

Mr. Miguel Hakim is Secretary for Iberoamerican Cooperation in the Iberoamerican Secretariat in Madrid, Spain. His previous positions were Under-Secretary for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Under-Secretary of Economic Relations and International Cooperation of Mexico. He played a major role in the organization of the Financing for Development Conference in Monterrey in 2002. He was also responsible for the financial system reform in Mexico from July to November 2000. He represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Board of the Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior. He was also the representative of Mexico to the Corporacion Andina de Fomento.

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh is Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Prior to ECA, Mr. Janneh served as Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Regional Director for Africa from 2000 to 2005. In that capacity, he managed UNDP's largest Regional Bureau, covering 45 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. From 1990 to 1999, he held a number of senior positions in UNDP and its affiliated funds, including Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative in Ghana and Niger, as well as Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Capital Development Fund. In 1999, Mr. Janneh led the Transition Team of the former UNDP Administrator.

Mr. Sun Zhenyu has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of China to the WTO since 2002, immediately after China became a Member of the Organization. Before his current appointment, he served as Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation (MOFTEC), responsible for regional policy, foreign investment and reform of state trading enterprises. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Director General and Director General of Department of American and Oceanic Affairs of MOFTEC, working on bilateral trade relations with major developed and developing countries. From 1985 to 1990, he worked as Vice President of China National Cereals, Oil and Foodstuff Import and Export Corporation, focusing on the company's business with Japan and South-east Asian Countries. Earlier, he served successively as staff member, Deputy Director and Director in the Third Department for Regional Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

Mr. Paavo Väyrynen has been Minister of Foreign Trade and Development of Finland since 2007. Previously, he served as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Labour and Minister of Education, as well as Minister deputising for the Prime Minister. He was Party Leader and Deputy Party Leader of the Centre Party. He was also a Member of Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee. In addition, he served as a member of the European Parliament for more than a decade. He has been adjunct Professor at the University of Lapland since 1996.