



## WTO CHAIRS PROGRAMME INAUGURATION EVENT

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### INAUGURAL SESSION

| TIME                | PROGRAM DETAILS                                | SPEAKER   |
|---------------------|--|---|
| 10:00 AM – 10:07 AM | Welcome Remarks                                | <b>Dr. James J. Nedumpara</b><br><i>Head and Professor</i><br><i>Centre for Trade and Investment Law</i>  |
| 10:07 AM – 10:08 AM | <i>Lighting of the Lamp</i>                    |   |
| 10:08 AM – 10:18 AM | Vice Chancellor's Address                      | <b>Prof. Manoj Pant</b><br><i>Vice Chancellor</i><br><i>Indian Institute of Foreign Trade</i>   |
| 10:18 AM – 10:28 AM | Introducing the WTO Chairs Programme (virtual) | <b>Dr. Werner Zdouc</b><br><i>Director</i><br><i>WTO Chairs Programme (KMD)</i>   |
| 10:28 AM – 10:38 AM | Inaugural Address                              | <b>Mr. Amit Yadav</b><br><i>Additional Secretary (TPD - M)</i><br><i>Department of Commerce</i><br><i>Government of India</i>   |
| 10:38 AM – 10:48 AM | Keynote Address                                | <b>H. E. Amb. Mr. Xiangchen Zhang</b><br><i>Deputy Director General</i><br><i>World Trade Organization</i>  |
| 10:48 AM – 10:58 AM | Chancellor's Address                           | <b>Mr. Sunil Barthwal</b><br><i>Commerce Secretary</i><br><i>Government of India</i>  |
| 10:58 AM – 11:02 AM | Address from WCP Advisory Board (virtual)      | <b>Mr. Rohinton Medhora</b><br><i>Member, Academic Advisory Board of WCP</i>  |
| 11:02 AM – 11:06 AM | Address by WCP Donor Member (France) (virtual) | <b>H. E. Mr. Etienne Oudot de Dainville</b><br><i>Permanent Representative of France to the WTO</i>   |
| 11:06 AM – 11:10 AM | Address by WCP Donor Member (Korea) (virtual)  | <b>H. E. Mr. Jung Sung Park</b><br><i>Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva</i> |
| 11:10 AM – 11:15 AM | Vote of Thanks                                 | <b>Mr. Satwik Shekhar</b>   |
| 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM | TEA / COFFEE BREAK                             |   |



**PANEL DISCUSSION 1**  
**REINVIGORATING THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM OF THE WTO**  
**11:30 AM – 12:45 PM**

Session Chair: **Ambassador Ujal Singh Bhatia**, *India's former Ambassador to WTO and former Chairman of the WTO Appellate Body*

Panellists:

- **Dr. Werner Zdouc (virtual)**, *WTO Chairs Programme and former Director of the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat*
- **Mr. Parthsarathi Jha**, *Partner, Competition Law & Policy and International Trade & Customs, Economic Laws Practice.*
- **Ms. R. V. Anuradha**, *Partner, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi*
- **Dr. Prabhhash Ranjan**, *Professor and Vice-Dean (Continuing Education), Jindal Global Law School*
- **Ms. Gitanjali Brandon**, *Deputy Secretary (Pakistan), PIA Division, Ministry of External Affairs*

**PANEL DISCUSSION 2**  
**BALANCING PREFERENTIAL AND MULTILATERAL APPROACHES TO FREE TRADE**  
**12:45 PM – 2:00 PM**

Moderator: **Dr. James J. Nedumpara**, *Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law*

Panellists:

- **Ambassador J. S. Deepak**, *Senior Advisor, STL and Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and Former Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to the WTO*
- **Dr. Anup Wadhawan**, *Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India.*
- **Mr. V. Lakshmikumaran**, *Founder and Managing Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys, New Delhi*
- **Dr. Biswajit Dhar**, *Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

**2 PM – 3 PM**  
**LUNCH**

**PANEL DISCUSSION 3**  
**MACROECONOMIC CRISIS AND TRADE POLICY**  
**3:00 PM – 4:15 PM**

Session Chair: **Prof. V. K. Malhotra**, *Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi*

Panellists:

- **Dr. John Hancock (virtual)**, *Counsellor, Policy Development, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva*
- **Dr. Marc Auboin (virtual)**, *Counsellor, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva*
- **Dr. Veena Jha**, *Former Coordinator, UNCTAD India Programme, New Delhi*
- **Dr. Leila Choukroune**, *Professor of International Law, University of Portsmouth*

**4:15 PM**  
**HIGH TEA**