



IRIC WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) CHAIR LAUNCH CEREMONY

EVENT PROGRAM

Venue: Amphi 250, IRIC, Yaoundé - Cameroon

Date: Wednesday, 25 May 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (UTC+1) West Africa,
Central Africa



Video conferencing link: (*Microsoft Teams*)

<https://teams.live.com/join/9471440846009>

- 10:00 – 10:30 am **Arrival of participants and guests**
- 10:35 am **Arrival of members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of invited international organizations**
- 10:40 am **Arrival of members of the Government and assimilated guests**
- 10:50 am **Arrival of H.E. the Minister of External Relations, Chairman of the IRIC Steering Committee, or his representative**
- Welcome and installation
- 11:00 am **Start of the official opening ceremony of the Chair**
- Singing of the national anthem of Cameroon
 - Welcome from the Director of IRIC
 - Introductory remarks by the WTO Chairholder
 - Speech by the Rector of the University of Yaoundé II
- *** Musical interlude
- Opening Remarks
 - Pierre SAUVE, Member of the WCP Advisory Board
 - Khaled EL BERNOUSSI, Representative of the Economic and Digital Francophonie, International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF)
 - Cynthia ZIMMERMANN, Director General, Ministry of Labour and Economic Affairs of Austria
 - Werner ZDOUC, Director, Knowledge and Information Management, Academic Outreach and WTO Chairs Program
 - H.E. Etienne OUDOT DE DAINVILLE, Permanent Delegate of France to the WTO
 - H.E. Salomon EHETH, Coordinator of the African Group on WTO Issues
 - H.E. Xiangchen ZHANG, Deputy Director-General of the WTO

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- Speech by the Minister of Trade of Cameroon
*** Musical interlude
- Solemn opening speech by H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs

12:00 pm **End of the ceremony**

- ❖ Unveiling of the IRIC WTO Chair logo
- ❖ Family photo
- ❖ Cocktail

12:30 – 2:00 pm **Round table on the theme: "*Cameroon's trade policy in the face of Covid-19 and the Russian-Ukrainian conflict*"**

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