PROPOSAL FOR
The 15th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis

“New Challenges for Global Trade and Sustainable Development”

June 13 – 15, 2012
(Board Meeting: 11 – 12 June, 2012)
Geneva, Switzerland

Organised jointly by-
World Trade Organization (WTO)
International Trade Centre (ITC)
UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
The Venue: Geneva

- Geneva is the host to numerous international as well as UN organizations.
- The WTO, the ITC and UNCTAD are all located in Geneva’s United Nations neighbourhood.
- The GTAP Conference will be held at the Palais des Nations, the European headquarters of the United Nations.
Chairpersons of the Organising Committee

Mr. Thomas Hertel  
Professor and Executive Director,  
Purdue University, USA

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Director, Economic Research and  
Statistics Division, WTO

Mr. Hakim Ben Hammouda  
Director, Institute for Training  
and Technical Cooperation, WTO

Mr. Willem van der Geest  
(Acting) Director, Division for  
Market Development & Lead  
Economist, ITC

Mr. Friedrich von Kirchbach  
Director, Division for Country  
Programs, ITC

Mr. Khalilur Rahman  
Chief, Trade Analysis Branch,  
Division of International Trade in  
Goods and Services and  
Commodities, UNCTAD
The Conference

- **Goal:**
  To promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global development issues and with policy makers and practitioners.

- **Theme:**
  “New Challenges for Global Trade and Sustainable Development”
  - Sub – themes include:
    - Measurement and Impact Analysis of Non-Tariff Measures and Trade Facilitation
    - Trade, Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
    - Poverty, Income Distribution, Inequality and Development towards the Millennium Development Goals
    - Multilateral and Bilateral Trade Agreements in a Globalizing World
    - Impact Analysis of the Doha Development Agenda

- **Location:**
  Hosted in Geneva by the key organizations of international trade.
Future of the Multi-lateral Trade System

• A plenary will be organized to discuss the ‘Future of the Multilateral Trading System’.

• The panel will consist of some of the most prominent names such as Mr. Pascal Lamy, Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Mrs. Patricia Francis as well as invited WTO negotiators (tbd).

• This will be an opportunity for the participants of the conference to interact with some of the top decision makers in the field of trade and development.
The Co-organisers

The World Trade Organization (WTO):

• The WTO officially came into effect on the 1st of January, 1995. Since 1948, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) had provided the rules for the system. The WTO and its agreements now cover trade in goods as well as trade in services, providing comprehensive multi-lateral rules.

• Its overriding goal is to ensure a rule-based sustainable approach to international trade.

• As the host of ongoing multi-lateral trade negotiations, under the “Doha Development Agenda” launched in 2001, it is committed to a conclusion of the Round before the 2012 GTAP conference!
The Co-organisers continued…

- **International Trade Centre (ITC):**
  - ITC’s goal is to help developing and transition countries achieve sustainable human development through exports.
  - ITC works with trade support institutions across the developing countries to deliver integrated solutions for "Export Impact for Good".

- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):**
  - UNCTAD has evolved into an authoritative knowledge-based institution.
  - It’s work aims to help shape current policy debates and thinking on development.
  - UNCTAD functions as a forum for intergovernmental deliberations, supported by discussions with experts and exchanges of experience.
An inclusive approach to Participation

**Low Registration Costs**

- WTO, ITC, and UNCTAD are offering two categories of registration fees, below current levels

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**Generous Sponsorship** will be raised to finance:

- At least **50 participants** from developing countries.
  
  *(Courtesy of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, WTO)*

- The **travel and accommodation expenses** of the keynote speakers.

- The **Conference Dinner**.

**Attractive Accommodation within walking distance**

- Many hotels near the Palais des Nation.
  - Hotel Mon Repos
  - Hotel Eden

- Bus passes are available for Chf 28 for three days.

- There is also **low-cost accommodation** available for students at the youth hostel.
## Organizational Budget in USD (based on 250 participants)

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Post- Conference

- A Post-Conference **tour of Geneva** will be organised for **all** Board Members and Participants on Saturday June 16th, 2012.

- It will include:
  - A cruise on the Lake of Geneva (Lac Léman).
  - A visit to the Villa Diodati in Cologny, Geneva where the novel *The Modern Prometheus*, generally known as *Frankenstein* was written by Mary Shelley.
  - A guided tour (if interest shown) will be organized to the place near Lausanne where the French-born economist Léon Walras wrote his work *Éléments d’économie politique pure*. 
About Geneva

- Geneva is the capital of the Canton of Geneva.
- Geneva is also referred to as being the “Peace Capital” of the world.
- The post-World War II era chose Geneva to be the hub for international relations. Today its importance is unparallelled.
- Geneva is the heart of international trade and commerce for both Europe and the rest of the World.
- It is home to the WTO, the European headquarters for the UN, and many other international agencies, including ILO, WHO, UNHCR, WIPO, ITU, among others.
- It is a **global city**, a **financial centre**, and a **worldwide diplomacy centre**.
  … Despite its global personality, the city’s culture remains pristine …

**Tourist favourites:**

- Yvoire Village, beautiful traditional village just across the border in France.
- Museums– The Modern art and Natural History Museums are world famous.
- Geneva’s vineyards can organise wine-tasting sessions for the Conference participants.
- The European Organization for Nuclear Research, also known as **CERN** is the world’s largest particle physics laboratory, situated in the northwest suburbs on the Franco-Swiss border.
We hope to see you in Geneva

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Thank you