

"Dialogue on WTO Dispute Settlement"

Exploring Strategies to Enhance Egypt's Participation in WTO Dispute Settlement

15-16 April 2007, Cairo, Egypt

Agenda

April 15

9:00- 9:30 **OPENING SESSION**

"Strategic Relevance of WTO Law and Dispute Settlement for Egypt's Development Objectives"

Taher Helmy

President, American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt and Partner, Helmy, Hamza & Partners (Baker & McKenzie)

Hesham F. Ragab

Deputy Minister of Legal and Legislative Affairs, Ministry of Trade and Industry

Ricardo Melendéz-Ortiz

Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development ICTSD

9:30-
11:00

"Advancing Egypt's Trade Rights through Dispute Settlement"

Chair: Taher Helmy

Egypt's Experience

Magda Shahin

Director, Trade-Related Assistance Center, AmCham Egypt

Egypt as a Respondent: Successful Case Studies

Charles Julien

Legal Counsel, Ministry of Trade and Industry

1. Egypt-Steel Rebar Dispute with Turkey
2. Egypt-Matches with Pakistan
3. Turkey-Rice as Third Party

Egypt as a Claimant: Concerns, Challenges, Benefits

Maamoun Abdel Fattah

Former Chief Negotiator at the Uruguay Round and Panelist in numerous WTO/Dispute Cases

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

11:00-
11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-
13:00

"State of Play: Challenges at the National Level"

Chair: Mohamad Talaat

Chairman, Legal Affairs Committee, AmCham Egypt and Partner, Helmy, Hamza & Partners (Baker & McKenzie)

Trade Remedies: Options and Flexibilities under the Anti-Dumping Agreement

Abdel Rahman Fawzi / Rania El Nadi
Assistant Minister, Ministry of Trade and Industry / Head of the
Legal Analysis & Research Department, Ministry of Trade and
Industry

Filing a Complaint with the WTO

Arthur Appelton
Partner, Appleton & Luff, Geneva

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

13:00-

LUNCH

14:30

14:30-

"Strategic Engagement: Maximizing Egypt's Potential"

16:00

Chair: Nagla Nassar
Attorney-at-Law at Nassar Law

Public-Private Partnerships

Daniel Crosby
International Trade Lawyer & Partner, Budin & Partners, Geneva

Cost-Benefit Analysis: Government's Strategy

Akrum Bastawi
Deputy Project Coordinator - EC jointly with the Ministry of Finance

16:00

- **COFFEE BREAK**

16:15

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"Regional DSM with More Informal Mechanisms: An Option for Egypt?"

17:30

Chair: Abdel Rahman Fawzi, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Trade
and Industry

Multilateral versus Regional Dispute Settlement Mechanisms

Jan Bohanes
Lawyer, Sidley Austin LLP, Geneva

Alternative Dispute Resolution (DSU review)

Johannes Bernabe
Program Manager, ICTSD

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

17:30-

CLOSING REMARKS:

18:00

Magda Shahin
&
Knirie Sogaard
International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development
(ICTSD)

April 16

9:00-

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

11:30

Open Discussion with the Geneva Experts on alternative dispute
resolution and how to better use the DSM in the WTO