Doha Negotiations and the State of Play

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Doha Development Agenda

• The 9th WTO Trade Round launched in Doha, Qatar in November 2001

• Officially the longest round of multilateral trade negotiations – 13 years and probably counting

• Development at its core – needs & interests of developing countries at the centre

• Members converged on the potential of the Round to deliver on growth and development
20 subjects in 9 broad areas:

- Agriculture (including Cotton added in 2003)
- Services
- Non agricultural market access (NAMA)
- TRIPS (multilateral system for registration & notification of geographical indications)
- WTO Rules (AD, Subsidies, RTAs)
- Trade and Environment
- Special and Differential Treatment
- Trade Facilitation (added in 2004)
- DSU (outside Single-Undertaking)
DOHA ROUND
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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
GENERAL COUNCIL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE - TNC

SPECIAL SESSIONS
- Council For Trade In Services
  - TRIPS Council
- Dispute Settlement Body
- Committee On Agriculture (SS on Cotton)
- Committee On Trade and Development
- Committee On Trade and Environment

NEGOTIATING GROUPS
- Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA)
  - Rules
  - Trade Facilitation
The DDA Journey

Pre-history (before UR): only goods

Now: revised rules, new commitments

1995 Uruguay Round agreements, new WTO: goods, services, intellectual property

1996 MC, 1998 50th, 1999 Seattle MC

2000 Agriculture, services talks start March

2001 Doha Agenda launched November

2003 Cancún ministerial fails September

2004 Frameworks 1 August

2005 Hong Kong ministerial Dec

2006 -2007 suspension 6 months

2008 – July Mini-Ministerial failure

2009 – Global Economic Crisis

2009 – 7th Ministerial Conference

2010 March stocktaking

2010 G20 process, Small groups

2011 Harvest “low hanging fruit”

2013 Bali package

Future: rules revised again, more commitments
The Bali package

- Trade Facilitation
- Agriculture
- Development and LDC issues
The Bali package (cont’d)

Agriculture
– General Services
– Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes
– Understanding on Tariff Rate Quota Administration
– Export Competition
The Bali package (cont’d)

- LDC issues
  - Preferential Rules of Origin
  - Operationalization of the Waiver Concerning Preferential Treatment to Services and Service Suppliers of LDCs
  - Duty-Free and Quota-Free Market Access for LDCs
  - Cotton

- Monitoring Mechanism on S&DT
Thank you!

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