



**Can the EU better support job creation in developing countries?  
24 January 2017  
9:00-12:45**

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Rue de la Loi 42 - 1040 Brussels

**8:30-9:00 REGISTRATION, WELCOME COFFEE**

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**9:00-10:00 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION**

**The EU trade and investment policy contribution to industrialisation in partner countries: achievements and risks**

***Moderator:*** ITUC

***Welcoming remarks & objectives:*** Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

**Cecilia Malmstrom**

European Commissioner for Trade

**Mr. S.D. Umar**

Minister/Charge d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Brussels

**Nuria Molina**

Director of the Board of Global Social Justice

**Thao Hoang Phuong**

Director, ActionAid Vietnam

**Helmut Scholz**

MEP, Member of International Trade Committee in the European Parliament

***Followed by Q&A***

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**10:05-11:00 PARALLEL GROUPS DISCUSSION**

**Group 1: Aid for Trade and opportunities around its forthcoming review**

**Bertrand Jolas**

Policy Officer, Private Sector Development, Trade, Regional integration, DG DEVCO

**Marion Jansen**

ITC Chief economist

**Christophe Yvetot**

UNIDO Representative to the EU, Belgium, Luxembourg and ACP countries

**Discussant/rapporteur:** San Bilal, Head of the Economic Transformation and Trade programme at the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)

**Group 2: Sharing experience on how to support and work with SMEs in developing countries**

**Richard Kozul-Wright**

Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

**Ferdous Ara Begum**

CEO of BUILD, Bangladesh

**Mr Manjeev Singh Puri**

Ambassador of India to the European Union, **TBC**

**Discussant/rapporteur:** Georgios Altintzis, Economic & Social Policy, ITUC

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**11:00-11:15 Coffee break**

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**11:15-12:30 PLENARY PANEL**

**Can EU trade and investment policies do more for female entrepreneurs and women workers?**

***Moderator:*** Shada Islam, Director Europe & Geopolitics, Friends of Europe

**Ruth Kelly**  
University of York

**Montserrat Mir Roca**  
Confederal Secretary, ETUC

**Dr Dinah Rajak**  
Senior Lecturer in Anthropology and Development, University of Sussex

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**12:30:12:45 WRAP-UP AND CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Alison Tate**  
Director of Economic and Social Policy, ITUC

**Laura Sullivan**  
Regional Director for Europe, ActionAid

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