



SAWTEE is organizing a dialogue on “[The Future of Aid for Trade at the WTO](#)” on 4 December 2013, as a part of the upcoming [Bali Trade and Development Symposium](#), at the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference which is going to be held on 3-6 December 2013, at Bali International Convention Centre (BICC), Bali, Indonesia.

The session aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To discuss the future of Aid for Trade at the WTO in a rapidly changing trade and finance landscape.
- To understand, how can the Aid for Trade initiative be reinvigorated so that it responds to the changes in a way that strengthens the WTO in years to come.
- To analyze on how aid for trade can continue to support LDCs and be an effective tool for developing value chains.

Aid for Trade initiative has been successfully gathering aid resources to help countries to trade since 2005. It has also become one of the important parts of negotiations on trade facilitation.

The circumstances in which the trade is taking place through chains of firms across borders is ever-changing, for example, with the evolution of finance, with the increment of capital flows in many least developed countries and also with traditional aid under pressure.

Furthermore, with the new and emerging problems related to climate change, food security and resource scarcity, the session has been organized keeping in mind, how can Aid for Trade and its role and importance in today’s trade climate be rethought to respond and adapt with these changes and problems. Deliberations will aim at discussing on how Aid for Trade initiative be reinvigorated so that it responds to these changes and strengthens the WTO in years to come.

Dr Yurendra Basnett, Non-resident Research Fellow at SAWTEE, is one of the speakers of the session.

The event is being jointly organised by SAWTEE, ODI and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Additional details of the session and the speakers can be found on:

<http://www.ictdsymposium.org/filter-sessions/aid-for-trade-and-the-wto/>