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National University of Lesotho World Trade Organization Chair Opening Ceremony

Wednesday July 13, 2022
Avani Lesotho Hotel

Session I: Official Launch Ceremony

Moderator: Dr. Tsotang Tsietsi, Co-Chair

- 11:30am – 12:00pm:** Arrival and Registration
- 12:00pm – 12:05pm:** Welcome and Opening Remarks
Assoc. Prof. Kananelo Mosito, Pro-Vice Chancellor NUL
- 12:05pm – 12:10pm:** Assoc. Prof. Motlamelle Kapa, NUL WTO Chairholder
- 12:10pm – 12:15pm:** H.E. Xiangchen Zhang, Deputy Director General WTO
- 12:15pm – 12:20pm:** Mr. Werner Zdouc, Director, Knowledge Management Division, WTO
- 12:20pm – 12:25pm:** Ms Hortense Nessler, Sustainable Trade Advisor, Permanent
Delegation of France to the WTO
- 12:25pm – 12:30pm:** H.E. Mr Thabang Matjama, Lesotho Permanent
Representative to the WTO
- 12:30pm – 12:35pm:** Ms Cynthia Zimmermann, Director General,
Ministry for Labour and Economic Affairs of Austria (video address)
- 12:35pm – 12:40pm:** Mr. Stephen Karingi, WCP Advisory Board Member
- 12:40pm – 12:45pm:** Prof. Wilma Viviers, WTO Chair North-West University, South-Africa
- 12:45pm – 12:50pm:** Mr Fako Hakane, Secretary General Lesotho Chamber of
Commerce and Industry
- 12:50pm – 12:55pm:** Hon Minister Thabiso Molapo, Minister Trade and Industry
- 12.55pm – 1:00pm:** Closing Remarks,
Prof. Olusola Isaac Fajana, Vice Chancellor NUL
- 1:00pm – 1:20pm:** Official Photographs
- 1:20pm – 2:30pm:** Lunch



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Session II: Academic Seminar and Roundtable discussion on the
Outcomes of the World Trade Organization 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12)

Moderator: H.E. Stephen Février
Special Advisor to the Director General of the WTO

- 2:30pm – 2:45pm:** Overview of the Main Outcomes of MC12
Assoc. Prof. Dr Maarten Smeets, Senior Advisor to the NUL Chair
- 2:45pm – 2:55pm:** Key Issues of Special Interest to Lesotho
Mrs Mary Motebang, Director of Trade,
Ministry of Trade and Industry, Lesotho
- 2:55pm – 3:05pm:** Declaration on the WTO Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic and
Preparedness for Future Pandemics
Prof. Tabitha Kiriti , WTO Chair, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- 3:05pm – 3:15pm:** Emergency Response to Food Insecurity Declaration
Dr Denis Yuni, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, NUL
- 3:15pm – 3:25pm:** Moratorium on e-commerce and Digital Trade in Africa
Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg, Tralac, South Africa, WTO Advisory Board Member
- 3:25pm – 3:40pm:** Q&A
- 3:40pm – 3:50pm:** Key Take-aways and Closing Remarks
Professor Faizel Ismail, Director of the Nelson Mandela School of
Public Governance at the University of Cape Town and Member,
AfCFTA Trade and Industrial Development Advisory Council