Invitation to UNU-IAS Side Events at WTO 6th Ministerial Conference 13th and 14th December, Hong Kong

You are cordially invited to two side events that the United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) will be holding at the WTO 6th Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong in December 2005. Both events are open to the public. For further information, please contact Rebecca Carter at carter@ias.unu.edu

Tuesday 13th December

High Level Dialogue on WTO and Sustainable Development

At Doha in November 2001, trade ministers strongly reaffirmed their commitment to sustainable development “upholding and safeguarding an open and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, and acting for the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development can and must be mutually supportive”. Less than one year later, at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), environment ministers called for “urgent action” to promote an open and liberal multilateral trading system that “benefits all countries in the pursuit of sustainable development”. They specifically singled out “the successful completion of the Doha Development Agenda” as a priority.

Against this backdrop, UNU-IAS will host a High Level Forum at the Hong Kong Ministerial Meeting to take stock of how sustainable development is being addressed within the context of the Doha Development Agenda. The focus of the event will be the publication of the recent UNU Press book “The WTO and Sustainable Development” by Gary P. Sampson. The meeting will provide for introductory statements by key high-profile speakers. Following these presentations participants will have the opportunity to react and to express their views during an interactive discussion period.

Venue: Plaza V, Novotel Century Hotel, Hong Kong
Time: 8-10am A champagne breakfast will be served.

The High Level Dialogue will include statements from:
- Hilary Benn, DFID (invited)
- Henry Gao, University of Hong Kong
- Pascal Lamy, WTO (invited)
- Sylvia Ostry, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto
- David Runnalls, IISD
- Gary Sampson, UNU-IAS
Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} December

\textit{WTO and Sustainable Development: Empowering Research and Training Communities in Developing Countries}

In many developing countries local research and training communities are under-resourced and as a result developing country delegations are often marginalized in crucial multilateral discussions. To fill this gap the UNU-IAS with its partner, the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, has developed the \textbf{University Professor Training Programme on the WTO and Sustainable Development}. By ‘training the trainers’ this programme aims to build institutional capacity by increasing the number of courses focusing on WTO and trade and sustainable development at universities in developing countries. Mr. Bradnee Chambers, Senior Programme Officer of the UNU-IAS and Mr. Paul Rolian, Director of the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, will present the programme. This will be followed by a panel discussion involving key stakeholders and a question and answer session.

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\textbf{Venue:} Plaza V, Novotel Century Hotel, Hong Kong  \\
\textbf{Time:}  \\
\textit{Side Event:} 5.00-6.30pm  \\
\textit{Cocktail Reception:} 6.30-8.00pm
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\textbf{Agenda}

\textit{Presentation of the University Professor Training Programme}  \\
Mr. Bradnee Chambers, Senior Programme Officer, UNU-IAS  \\
Mr. Paul Rolian, Director of the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation

\textit{Panel Discussion}  \\
Hussein Abaza, UNEP ETB  \\
Representative of UNCTAD (tbc)  \\
Rajesh Sharma, Macao University of Science and Technology (former training programme participant)

\textit{Question & Answer Session}

\textbf{Access:}

Both side events will take place at the Novotel Century Hotel, Hong Kong. The hotel is located a mere ten minute walk from the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Please see the attached map and directions below:

1. From the Ground Floor of the Convention Centre (#1), walk toward the Ferry/Bus Terminal (#3).
2. Walk straight passing the Ferry/Bus Terminal (#3) on your left and Pacific Coffee, Great Eagle Centre (#14) and Harbour Centre (#15) on your right.
3. Turn right at the corner of Dymocks Book Store, and walk straight until the Vanguard supermarket.
4. Turn left and walk the skybridge leading to the Allied Kajima Building (#5).
5. Go into the building and walk between 2 Chinese restaurants to reach the entrance of Novotel Century Hotel.

For an interactive map of the area see: \url{http://www.accorhotels-asia.com/hotel/intermap.asp?hc=3562&lang=en}