

## “Dialogue on WTO Dispute Settlement”

Exploring Strategies to Enhance Egypt’s Participation in WTO Dispute Settlement  
15-16 April 2007, Cairo, Egypt

### Agenda

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#### 15 April

9:00- 9:30

#### **WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION**

#### **Strategic Relevance of WTO Law and Dispute Settlement for Egypt’s Development Objectives**

Taher HELMY  
President, American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt

Hesham F. RAGAB  
Deputy Minister of Legal and Legislative Affairs, Ministry of Trade and Industry

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ  
Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development  
ICTSD

9:30-11:00

#### **ADVANCING EGYPT’S TRADE RIGHTS THROUGH DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

Chair: Taher HELMY

#### Egypt’s Experience

Magda SHAHIN  
Director, Trade Related Assistance Center, American Chamber of Commerce

#### Egypt as a Respondent: Successful Case Studies

Charles JULIEN  
Legal Counsel, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Industry

1. Egypt-Steel Rebar Dispute with Turkey
2. Egypt-Matches with Pakistan
3. Turkey-Rice as Third Party (Ministry of Trade)

#### Egypt as a Claimant: Concerns, Challenges, Benefits

Maamoun ABDEL FATTAH  
Former Chief Negotiator at the Uruguay Round and Panelists in numerous  
WTO/Dispute Cases

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

11:00– 11:30

**BREAK**

11:30 – 13:00

**STATE OF PLAY: CHALLENGES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

Chair: Mohamad TALAAT

Helmy, Hamza & Partners (Baker & Mckenzie), Chairman of the Legal Committee

Trade Remedies: Options and flexibilities under the Anti-Dumping Agreement

Abdel RAHMAN FAWZI/ Rania EL NADI

Assistant Minister, Ministry of Trade and Industry; Egypt's Anti-Dumping Legislation Authority

Filing a Complaint with the WTO

Arthur APPELTON

Partner, Appleton & Luff, Geneva

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

13:00 –14:30

**LUNCH**

14:30-16:00

**STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT: MAXIMIZING EGYPT'S POTENTIAL**

Chair: Nagla NASSAR, Attorney-at-Law at NASSARLAW

Public-Private Partnerships

Daniel CROSBY

International Trade Lawyer, Partner, Budin & Partners, Geneva

Cost-Benefit Analysis: Government's Strategy

Akrum BASTAWI

Deputy Project Coordinator (EC jointly with the Ministry of Finance)

16:00-17:30

**REGIONAL DSM, WITH MORE INFORMAL MECHANISMS: AN OPTION FOR EGYPT?**

Chair: Abdel Rahman Fawzi, Assistant Minister

Multilateral versus regional dispute settlement mechanisms

Jan BOHANES

Lawyer, Sidley Austin LLP, Geneva

Alternative Dispute Resolution

(DSU review)

Johannes BERNABE

Program Manager, ICTSD

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

17:30 – 18:00

**CLOSING REMARKS: Magda Shahin & Knirie Sogaard**

**16 April**

9:00- 11:30

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**Open Discussion with the Geneva Experts on alternative dispute resolution and how to better use the DSM in the WTO**