FES/WTO Regional Dialogue on
“Current and Future Challenges for the Multilateral Trading System – Perspectives from Western Africa”
Accra, Ghana, 29-31 October 2012

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CONFERENCE VENUE: Labadi Beach hotel (tbc)

PARTICIPANTS: Civil society, business and media participants come from the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.

LANGUAGE: The dialogue will be held in English and French.

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# CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE

**Sunday, 28 October 2012**

Arrival of civil society participants - welcome dinner

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| 9:00 – 11:00 | Agriculture and the region<br>
|              | *Samuel Amehou*, former Ambassador of Benin to the WTO<br>
|              | *Ousséni Ouedrago*, ROPPA<br>
|              | *Keith Rockwell*, WTO                                                                 |
| 11:00 – 11:30| Coffee break                                                                         |
| 11:30 – 13:00| Multilateralism versus bilateralism - Which way forward for the region?<br>
|              | *Antoine Agbadomé*, Regional Advisor, ECOWAS Trade Commission<br>
|              | *Nii Ansah-Adjaye*, Chief Director, Ministry of Trade of Industry, Ghana<br>
|              | EU representative                                                                    |
| 13:00 – 14:30| Lunch break                                                                           |
| 14:30 – 16:00| Challenges or opportunities: South-South trade versus North-South trade<br>
|              | *Bathie Siss*, Programme Officer Trade and Regional Integration, EN-Da Tiers Monde<br>
|              | *Kwabena Otoo*, Expert at the Ghana Trade Union Congress Research Centre              |
| 16:00 – 16:30| Coffee break                                                                          |
| 16:30 – 18:00| The impact of Non-tariff Measures for exporting countries<br>
|              | *Aurélien Atidegla*, Agro-economist, PASCIB                                           |
| 20:00        | Joint Dinner                                                                          |
MEDIA DIALOGUE

Wednesday, 31 October 2012
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09:30 – 10:00 Opening of the Media Dialogue: Welcome Remarks
   Daniela Kuzu, Resident Representative, FES Ghana Office
   Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization

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   Expert/lawyer
   Nii Ansah-Adjaye, Chief Director, Ministry of Trade of Industry, Ghana
   Aniekan Ukpe POSCAO, Regional Civil Society Platform

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 WTO and Media: access to information
   Keith Rockwell, WTO
   Louis Amédé, Economic journalist – Côte d’Ivoire

17:00 Closing remarks