# OECD Global Forum on Trade 2019:
## Levelling the Playing Field: Measuring and addressing trade-distorting government support

**23-24 October 2019 | Paris, France**

**Objective:** to provide an overview of the OECD's evidence-based approach to measuring government support and an opportunity to discuss, in a non-negotiating format, the growing concerns about practices which may be distorting trade and resulting in a less-than-level playing field.

**Participants:** senior level policy-makers from OECD and partner countries; private sector representatives.

**Format:** panels will be moderated Davos-style, to promote interactive exchange. Maximum time will also be given to discussion amongst Delegates and exchanges from the floor. The event will be conducted under the Chatham House Rule.

***Day 1 (23 October 2019)***

| **Session 1: What is the evidence on government support?** | |
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| 10:00 | **Presentation by OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate**<br>**Moderator:** Didier Chambovey, Chair, OECD Trade Committee<br>**Speaker:** Jehan Sauvage, Trade Policy Analyst, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate<br>Overview of OECD work on measuring government support, across several key sectors – agriculture, fisheries, fossil fuel subsidies, export restrictions on key raw materials, and industrial goods – and on the indicative matrix of support measures. |
| 10:30 | **Panel I: Agriculture**<br>**Moderator:** Carla Boonstra, Vice-Chair, OECD Committee for Agriculture<br>**Panellists:**<br>• Martin Von Lampe, Agricultural Policy Analyst, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate.<br>• Simon Smalley, Minister-Counsellor for Agriculture, Australia.<br>• Markus Schlagenhof, Delegate of the Federal Council for Trade Agreements, Switzerland.<br>The discussion will focus on what we know about support to agriculture and the implications for priorities for reform.<br>***Floor open for discussion*** |
| 11:30 | **Coffee break** |
| 12:00 | **Panel II: Industrial goods, part I**<br>**Moderator:** Benedicte Fleischer, Vice-Chair, OECD Trade Committee<br>**Panellists:**<br>• Jean Simard,President and CEO, Aluminium Association of Canada.<br>• Gerd Götz, Director General, European Aluminium.<br>• Ryan Olsen, Vice President, The Aluminium Association.<br>• Ken Ash, OECD Director for Trade and Agriculture.<br>The discussion will focus on the findings on support from the OECD aluminium report and the implications for the priorities for reform.<br>***Floor open for discussion*** |
| 13:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:30 | **Panel III: Industrial goods, part II**<br>**Moderator:** David Walker, Vice-Chair, OECD Trade Committee<br>**Panellists:**<br>• Douglas Fuller, Professor, City University of Hong Kong.<br>• Devi Keller, Director-Global Policy, SIA.<br>• Julia Nielson, OECD Deputy-Director for Trade and Agriculture.<br>The discussion will highlight some of the specificities of government support in high technology sectors, including support for research and development and support provided through the financial system.<br>***Floor open for discussion*** |

| Session 2: Addressing market distortions to industrial goods. | |
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| 15:30 | **Panel IV**<br><br>**Moderator:** Ken Ash, OECD Director for Trade and Agriculture<br>**Panellists:**<br>• Denis Redonnet, Director, DG Trade, European Commission.<br>• Roy Malmrose, Director, USTR, United States.<br>• Junichiro Kuroda, Director-General, METI, Japan.<br><br>Based on the discussion in the previous sessions, this session will explore approaches to addressing key areas for strengthening disciplines on industrial support. The session will be led by countries and include a focus on:<br>• Selected key issues such as, for example, the role of state influence and state enterprises; subsidies to the cost of capital (debt and equity); support along the value chain; the importance of transparency<br>• Suggested approaches to enhanced disciplines to level the playing field (e.g., in FTAs or at WTO) such as prohibiting the most distorting subsidy types, reinstating the WTO "dark amber" category of subsidies, state-enterprise specific disciplines, preferential input pricing, and increased transparency.<br><br>***Floor open for discussion*** |
| 17:00 | **Bio-Break** |

| Session 3: Ways forward for addressing trade distorting practices | |
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| 17:30 | **Panel V**<br><br>**Moderator:** Didier Chambovey, Chair, OECD Trade Committee<br>**Panellists:**<br>• Alexandre Parola, WTO Ambassador, Brazil.<br>• Christian Forwick, Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economy and Energy, Germany.<br>• Jooyoung Yang, Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade (KIET).<br>• Dawn Shackleford, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, United States.<br><br>The panel will draw conclusions from the day in terms of priorities and possible ways forward for addressing government support. |
| 18:00 | **End of day** |

***Day 2 (24 October 2019)***

| **Special Session: Digital trade, including "Osaka Track"**<br>*Chair: Didier Chambovey, Chair, OECD Trade Committee* | |
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| 09:30 | **1. Background and Objective of "Osaka Track"**<br><br>Participants, including representatives of the private sector, will be invited to discuss the state of play of the debate on digital trade, including "Osaka Track".<br><br>**Opening remarks: Shuji Miyamoto, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI, Japan (10 mins)**<br><br>**Moderator:** Susan Stone, Head of Emerging Policy Issues Division, OECD TAD<br>**Private Sector Perspectives:**<br>• Junichiro Asano, Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM.<br>• Cate Nymann, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Cisco Systems.<br>• Kimberley Botwright, Community Lead-Trade and Investment, WEF. |
| 10:10 | **2. Update on progress under the WTO Joint Statement Initiative on E-commerce**<br><br>**Patricia Holmes,** Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the WTO, will provide an update on the state of play of E-commerce negotiations at the WTO, chaired by Australia |
| 10:20 | **3. Update on OECD work**<br><br>**Javier Lopez Gonzalez**, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate, will provide an overview of relevant work, including on the WTO E-commerce Moratorium.<br><br>**Molly Lesher**, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate, will provide a brief update on the Going Digital initiative. |
| 10:35 | ***4. Floor open for discussion*** |
| 11:00 | **End of Global Forum on Trade** |