



**DRAFT AGENDA FOR JOINT IISD-WTO SEMINAR ON
MODELLING THE GAINS FROM TRADE LIBERALIZATION**

22 June 2006

- 08:45 — 09:15 **COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**
- 09:15 — 09:30 **OPENING REMARKS**
- Patrick Low*
Sylvia Ostry
- 09:30 — 09:45 **WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION DOES THE TRADE COMMUNITY NEED**
- WTO delegate perspective*
NGO perspective
Researcher's perspective (Kimberly Elliott, IIE)
- Changes in welfare
— Global
— Country groupings
— Countries
— Income groups (esp. those in poverty)
- Changes in trade patterns
— Major commodity groups
— Specific commodities
- Information on transition costs
— Tariff revenue effects
— Other effects
- 09:45 — 10:00 **Discussion**
- 10:00 — 10:30 **WHAT THE CGE MODELS TELL US**
- Intro: WTO Secretariat (Robert Teh or Roberta Piermartini)*
Short presentations by various modellers
- 10:30 — 10:45 **Discussion**
- 10:45 — 11:00 **— Coffee break —**
- 11:00 — 11:30 **WHY THE RESULTS DIFFER OVER TIME AND AMONG MODELS**
- Antoine Bouet (IFPRI)
- 11:30 — 12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00 — 13:00 **LIMITATIONS OF THE UNDERLYING DATA**
- WTO Secretariat? (data on tariffs)
GSI Secretariat? (data on subsidies)
To be determined (other data)

13:00 — 14:30 **LUNCH**
14:30 — 15:30 **LIMITATIONS OF THE MODELS**

Opening remarks by Frank Ackerman, Tufts University (structural limitations)
Commentary by others

15:30 — 15:45 **— Coffee break —**

15:30 — 16:30 ***Discussion (led by Joseph Francois)***

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09:00 — 09:15 **IMPROVING THE COMMUNICATION OF MODEL RESULTS**

To be determined

09:15 — 10:00 ***Discussion***

10:00 — 10:30 **A RESEARCH AGENDA**

Current and planned improvements (reports from modellers)
New approaches (WTO Secretariat, OECD Trade Directorate and others)

10:30 — 10:45 **— Coffee break —**

10:45 — 11:15 ***Discussion***

11:15 — 11:45 **WHERE WE AGREE AND DISAGREE**

11:45 — 12:30 General discussion moderated by ...(to be determined)

12:30 — 12:45 **Closure**

12:45 — 14:15 **LUNCH**

14:15 — 16:45 **MEETING WITH DELEGATES**

General discussion moderated by Simon Evenett