

The Evolving WTO Regime and Regional Economic Cooperation: Implications for Northeast Asia

13-14 September 2002

Shilla Hotel, Seoul

Hosted by Korea Development Institute
and Observatory of Globalisation, Barcelona University

Day One (13 September 2002)

09:00-09:30 **Opening Session (Venue: Lilac Room, 3F)**

09:30-10:45 **Multilateral Rules and Regional Economic Cooperation: An
Overview**

Patrick LOW (Director, Development and Economic Research, WTO)

The Economics and Politics of Non-Discrimination in the WTO

Clemens BOONEKAMP (Director, Trade Review Mechanism, WTO)

Regional Trade Integration under Transformation

Ramon TORRENT (Director, Observatory of Globalisation, Barcelona University)

Regional Cooperation within the Multilateral System of Rules

Wonhyuk LIM (Research Fellow, KDI)

Northeast Asian Economic Cooperation: Rhetoric vs. Reality

10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 **General Discussion**

12:30-14:00 **Lunch (Venue: Marronnier Room, 3F)**

14:00-15:15 Northeast Asian Economic Cooperation: Country Perspectives

Baohua JIA (Professor, University of International Business and Economics)

WTO and Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia: China's Perspective

Mitsuo MATSUSHITA (Professor, Seikei University)

Economic Partnership and Free Trade Agreements in East Asia:

Japan's Experiment in the Framework of the WTO

Inkyo CHEONG (Research Fellow, KIEP)

Korea's FTA Policy: Focusing on Bilateral FTAs with Chile and Japan

Byung-Koo CHO (Research Fellow, KDI)

The Korean Problem and Northeast Asian Economic Cooperation

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 General Discussion

Itsushi TACHI (Director, Policy Research Department, NIRA)

Northeast Asia Economic Cooperation: Japan's Perspective

Jia-huang WU (Vice Chairman, China WTO Research Center)

Opportunities Provided by China's WTO Accession

Discussion

**19:00-21:00 Dinner Hosted by Dr. Choongsoo Kim, President of KDI
(Venue: Marronnier Room, 3F)**

Day Two (14 September 2002)

09:00-10:30 Lessons from Regional Cooperation: Internal and External Dimensions

Diego CANGA (Advisor to Commissioner for Energy and Transports, EC)

European Energy Cooperation: From the European Coal and Steel Community to the European Energy Charter

Andrea ROSSI (Analysis Unit, D.G. Trade, EC)

The EU Experience with Regional Integration and Bilateral Relations

Roberto BOUZAS (Professor, University of San Andres, Buenos Aires)

Lessons from Regional Cooperation: The Experience of the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR)

Antoni ESTEVADERORDAL (Trade and Regional Integration Department, IADB)

Regional Trade Agreements and Regional Cooperation Agreements: What Is the Nexus?

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:30 General Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch (Venue: Marronnier Room, 3F)

14:00-15:00 Regulatory Framework for Trade and Investment: Emerging Issues

Philippe Meyer (Investments, Standards and TBT Unit, D.G. Trade, EC)

The Development Dimension of Trade and Investment in the New WTO Round

Pierre SAUVE (Services and Investment Directorate, OECD)

Towards Multilateral Investment Rules: Lessons from the Periphery

Dukgeun AHN (Professor, KDI School)

Korea in the GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement System

15:00-15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15-16:30 **General Discussion**

16:30-17:30 **Concluding Session**