

Launch of an IDEAS Centre e-book: The Future of the WTO and the WTO of the Future

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IDEAS Centre has the pleasure to launch the e-publication of a series of articles and think pieces dedicated to

The Future of the WTO and the WTO of the Future Contributions to an Inclusive and Development-Friendly Multilateral Trading System

The purpose of this initiative is to make a contribution for LIDCs and LDCs on how to adapt to the post-Nairobi situation and the changing international trade environment. Contributors are experts and specialists from academia, think tanks and private sector from the South and from the North.

Those think pieces aim at feeding in the global brainstorming that all WTO members and other stakeholders have been invited to conduct regarding the future of the multilateral trading system.

In order to optimize the post-Nairobi reflection period and to ensure timely contribution to the on-going soul-searching exercise, think pieces will be published as they come and will be later in the year gathered into an e-book. For more details, click [here](#).

Six chapters have been structured and selected contributors have been invited to reflect on one of these issues:

- Chapter 1 Revisiting the Doha Round after Bali and Nairobi
- Chapter 2 Defining the 21st century governance
- Chapter 3 Identifying rules and disciplines according to needs
- Chapter 4 Match-making between negotiation content and negotiation process
- Chapter 5 Restoring / preserving the centrality of WTO
- Chapter 6 Preparing the future

The content of the articles and think pieces reflect the point of view of the authors. IDEAS Centre thanks all authors for their contribution and hope that this initiative will contribute to the post-Nairobi debate.

Think piece N°1 on The Future of the WTO and the WTO of the Future – 23 May 2016

Restoring WTO Centrality, by Gary Clyde Hufbauer, Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington D.C.

Our first think piece will not leave anybody indifferent. Gary Clyde Hufbauer invites us to look at some thought-provoking ideas to restore the centrality of the WTO – such as plurilateral agreements and a reinvigorated Dispute Settlement Body – and to see how developing countries may want to ensure that their interests are preserved in such an approach.

The think piece is available [here](#).



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