

**The Multilateral Trading System: a US-Africa dialogue on cotton**

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<b>14h00-14h10</b>	<b>Opening</b> Welcome	Organizers (Carnegie/IDEAS Centre)
	<b>Moderator</b>	Nicolas Imboden, IDEAS Centre
<b>14h10-14h30</b>	<b>Introduction</b> International cotton market: major challenges	Terry Townsend, International Cotton Advisory Committee
<b>14h30-15h30</b> 14h30-14h50  14h50-15h10  15h10-15h30	<b>Keynote speeches:</b> The pillars of the multilateral trading system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Doha : state of play in agricultural negotiations with a focus on cotton</li> <li>▪ Dispute Settlement: guarantee of the credibility of the system and negotiation tool</li> <li>▪ Trade opportunities and means to realize them: the case of the C4</li> </ul>	Crawford Falconer, former Chair of the Agricultural Negotiations Committee, WTO  Gary Clyde Hufbauer, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics  John Baffes, World Bank

<p><b>15h30-16h10</b> 15h30-15h50 15h50-16h10</p>	<p><b>Statements by the US and the C4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cotton and the C4: maximizing market opportunities and Improving responsiveness to internal and external changes</li>   <li>▪ US perspectives on cotton</li> </ul>	<p>His Excellency Mamadou Sanou, Minister of Trade, Entrepreneurship and Handicraft, Burkina Faso, Coordinator of the C4</p> <p>Carol Goodloe, USDA</p>
<p><b>16h10-16h30</b></p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p><b>16h30-17h30</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion / Round table</b> <b>Trade and development : a holistic approach to the cotton issue</b> The purpose of this panel / round table is to engage a dialogue to find concrete and common solutions on the cotton issue, for the benefit of the C4, the US, the Doha Round and the Multilateral Trading System.</p>	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Uri Dadush, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Crawford Falconer His Excellency Mamadou Sanou, Burkina Faso Elena Bryan, USTR Nadjindar Titdjébaye, CotonTchad Mark Lange, NCC (National Cotton Council)</p>
<p><b>17h30-18h15</b></p>	<p>Discussion with the audience</p>	<p><i>Same moderator, same panellists</i></p>
<p><b>18h15-18h30</b></p>	<p>Conclusions and farewell</p>	<p>Nicolas Imboden</p>
<p><b>18h30-19h30</b></p>	<p>Cocktail</p>	