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Beyond Agriculture: Business Perspectives on the DDA*

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Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, is the Brussels-based organisation representing national chemical federations and chemical companies of Europe. Cefic represents, directly or indirectly, more than 40.000 large, medium and small chemical companies in Europe, which employ about 2 million people and account for more than 30% of world chemicals production. For more information, please look at our website at www.cefic.org.

Waqar Ahmad is Program Coordinator with SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry(SCCI). He has also worked with World Bank as Consultant on areas related to SMEs and Export opportunities. Waqar has traveled extensively in Europe and South Asia in connection with activities of Wilton Park UK, Salzburg Seminars Austria, RCSS Sri Lanka and IAF Germany. Waqar is graduate in International relations, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan and International Business, University of Wollongong, Australia. Most of his worked is focused on issues related to regional economic cooperation. However, WTO remained one of main focus areas of SAARC Chamber especially with reference to possible joint strategy for the region. Waqar has interests in issues related to WTO and its impact on developing economies.

SCCI is an apex business organisation in the region. SCCI is the only recognized business organization of SAARC. For more information, please look at our website at <http://www.saarc-sec.org/> .

Jan Eggert, Secretary General, joined the FTA in 2000. His professional life has always been related to foreign trade and international business, having worked in the past with the German Federation of Industry-BDI and German Chambers of Commerce Abroad-AHKs.

The Foreign Trade Association (FTA) represents the interests of European Traders/Retailers. Founded in 1977, it has promoted liberalization in trade for over 25 years in Brussels and is traditionally actively involved in the discussion on multilateral trade negotiations. Members of the FTA are individual companies as well as national associations from nearly all European countries. The FTA is the only European trade association that deals exclusively with questions regarding foreign trade. Other main assets are the FTA's expert knowledge on customs and procedures as well as on anti-dumping questions. For more information, please look at our website at www.fta-eu.org.

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EuroCommerce is the representation of retail, wholesale and international trade vis-à-vis the European Union. Membership comprises trade associations and single companies in 26 European countries. EuroCommerce stands for 4.7 million companies, 95% of them SMEs. The European Commerce Sector serves 370 million consumers (plus 130 million after EU Enlargement) and provides jobs for 23 million people.

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BDI is the Confederation of German Industries. The BDI is the umbrella organization for a total of 36 industrial sector associations and groups of associations in Germany. Of all industrialized countries, Germany has the largest industrial sector. From motor vehicles to sugar, in German industry world-renowned large-scale enterprises operate alongside many small and medium-sized businesses.

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Adrian van den Hoven organised this seminar. He is advisor on trade policy and multilateral issues at UNICE.

The Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe is the voice of business in Europe. It represents 35 Industrial and Employers' Federations from 28 countries which represent 16 million small, medium and large companies. More than 106 million people are employed by these companies.

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