

TTIP one year on: Consumers Mean Business

Multi-stakeholder dialogue hosted by TACD Tuesday 24 June 2014 Pew Conference Centre, 901 E St. NW, Washington, D.C. USA

A second stakeholder dialogue meeting addressing in depth the most important issues for consumers and citizens that are being discussed as part of negotiations for a proposed EU-U.S. free trade agreement, known as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

08.00 Registration and coffee

08.30 Welcome and Introduction

- Ed Mierzwinski, Consumer Program Director, U.S. Public Interest Research Groups and U.S. Co-Chair of TACD
- Monique Goyens, Director General, BEUC and EU Co-Chair of TACD

08.40 Keynote addresses: The TTIP One Year On

- Ambassador David Thorne, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State, U.S.
 Department of State
- Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for the Food Chain, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission
- Robert Adler, Acting Chair, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

09.30 Plenary: Do we need Investor to State Dispute Settlement in TTIP?

- Moderated by Susan Grant, Director for Consumer Protection, Consumer Federation of America and Member of TACD Steering Committee
- Keynote addresses from:
 - Ignacio Garcia Bercero, Chief TTIP Negotiator, DG TRADE, European Commission
 - Robert Weissman, President, Public Citizen (US) and Member of TACD Steering Committee
- Followed by panel discussion with additional panellists:
 - Dan Mullaney, Chief TTIP Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
 - Celeste Drake, Trade and Globalisation Specialist, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
 - Jonathan Stoel, Partner, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Transatlantic Business Council

11.00 Coffee break





11.15 Breakout sessions

1. TTIP: the opportunities and challenges for food policy

- Moderated by Helena Bottemiller Evich, Food and Agriculture Reporter, POLICITO Pro
- Short presentations from:
 - Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General Responsible for the Food Chain, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission
 - Chris Waldrop, Consumer Federation of America and Camilla Udsen, Senior Food Advisor, Danish Consumer Council (joint presentation)
- Group discussion

2. Should financial services be included in the TTIP?

- Moderated by Ira Rheingold, National Association for Consumer Advocates (U.S.)
- Short presentations from:
 - Sven Gentner, Counselor, Economic and Financial Affairs Section, EU External Action Service, European Commission
 - Lisa Donner, Executive Director, Americans for Financial Reform
- Group discussion

3. Privacy, data transfers and cross-border commerce

- Moderated by Kostas Rossoglou, Senior Legal Officer, BEUC
- Short presentations from:
 - Irina Vasiliu, Policy Officer, Data Protection Reform, DG Justice, European Commission
 - Jessica Rich, Director Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission
 - Ted Dean, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Services, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Group discussion

12:45 Lunch

14.00 Breakout sessions

1. Pharmaceuticals in the TTIP and the impact on public health and access to medicines

- Moderated by David Hammerstein, TACD and Rob Weissman, Public Citizen
- Short presentations from:
 - Ancel.la Santos Quintano, Policy Advisor, Health Action International Europe
 - Mary Critharis, Deputy Chief Policy Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce
 - Peter Maybarduk, Director Global Access to Medicines Program, Public Citizen
- Group discussion





2. Chemicals and Nanomaterials

- Moderated by Sally Greenberg, Executive Director, National Consumers League (U.S.)
- Short presentations by:
 - Baskut Tuncak, Staff Attorney, Center for International Environmental
 - Isabel Pastor Arenillas, Attaché Trade and Agriculture, Delegation of the EU to the U.S.
 - William Jordan, Deputy Office Director for Programs, Office for Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Group discussion

15.30 Coffee break

15.45 Plenary: Regulatory Coherence and Regulatory Cooperation

- Moderated by Bart Combée, President, Consumentenbond, The Netherlands
- Keynote addresses:
 - Dan Mullaney, Chief TTIP Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
 - Monique Goyens, Director General, BEUC and EU Co-Chair of TACD
- Followed by panel discussion with additional panellists:
 - Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General Responsible for the Food Chain, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission
 - Alex Hunt, Branch Chief of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
 - Ignacio Garcia Bercero, Chief TTIP Negotiator, DG TRADE, European Commission
 - Courtenay Lewis, Trade Representative, Sierra Club

17.15 Concluding plenary: will TTIP bring any benefits for consumers?

- Moderated by Benedicte Federspiel, Danish Consumer Council and Member of TACD Steering Committee
- Discussion with TACD Policy Co-Chairs following break-out discussions and conclusions

18.00 Drinks reception and networking

