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WTO PUBLIC FORUM 2015: TRADE WORKS!

Plugging **in to** the global **agricultural** value chain – a **perspective** from **developing** countries in **Asia**

How can trade work better to let the agricultural sector of developing countries plug them into the global values chains (GVCs)?

Agricultural trade is the imperative in the developing world as it generates economic growth and creates employment in rural areas. The session shows research results on agricultural trade of selected Asian developing countries (e.g. Malaysia and Myanmar) based on port rejection data and field investigation. In order to plug in and further climb up the GVCs, those countries need to enforce capacity building as well as efficient policy and regulation implementation from public and private sectors. A concerted effort is required to improve the conditions facing agricultural trade in Asia for greater shared benefits.

Policy recommendations to address the issues will be discussed by the panelists from government, industry and academia.

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