

## WHO WE ARE

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) was founded in 1919 to promote trade and investment as vehicles to spread peace and prosperity. In keeping with this historic mission, ICC's Commission on Trade and Investment Policy engages the ICC network to help define the multilateral trade agenda and actively promotes international trade and investment as engines for economic growth and job creation. The Commission's constructive role in representing business views is built upon ICC's long history of authoritative involvement in international trade and investment policy. ICC was present at Bretton Woods and enjoys top-level consultative status with the UN and its specialized agencies.

The mandate of the Commission is to break down barriers to international trade and investment so that all countries can benefit from improved living standards through increased trade and investment flows. The Commission provides a forum for business experts to examine trade and investment policy issues and draw up policy recommendations for governments.

The commission has 186 members from over 40 countries. They comprise trade policy specialists from ICC member companies and business representative organizations. Each national committee may appoint delegates as members to the Commission. Senior trade policy experts from the staff of intergovernmental organizations such as the WTO, UNCTAD, and the OECD are frequently invited to address commission meetings. The Commission continues to further the founding objectives of ICC by:

- Examining issues that will facilitate cross-border trade and investment by business to sustain economic recovery, job creation and sustainable development.
- Breaking down barriers to international trade and investment so that world business can benefit from expanding global markets and contribute to raising living standards.
- Encouraging the reduction of tariff and non-tariff trade barriers, the improvement of international trade rules and mechanisms, and the curbing of practices relating to investment and intellectual property that distort world trade.

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

ICC Commissions are specialized working bodies composed of business experts who examine major issues of practical concern to world business. ICC's established reputation coupled with its global reach uniquely positions the Commission on Trade and Investment Policy to convey the views of global business on international trade and investment policy. The current priorities of the Commission are the following:

- Elaborate policy positions to shape the ICC World Trade Agenda, and G20 and Business 20 deliberations on trade and investment, by contributing to the development of a robust 21st Century global trade and investment policy agenda.
- Foster progress towards a high-standard multilateral framework for international investment; as well as towards enabling regulatory frameworks for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), including investment in infrastructure, as a vehicle for advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).
- Develop policy positions on mega-regional agreements negotiations and their potential impact on the multilateral trading system.

- Support plurilateral approaches to liberalize trade in environmental goods and trade in services.
- Advocate in favour of effective provisions for arbitration and "Investor-State Dispute Settlement" in coordination with the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- Trade in the Digital Economy
- ICC World Trade Agenda for the Buenos Aires Ministerial
- Payoff from the World Trade Agenda 2013
- 2016 ICC Guidelines for International Investment
- ICC Open Markets Index 2017



## CURRENT LEADERSHIP

### Chair

James Bacchus, former Chief Judge WTO Appellate Body (United States)

### Vice-Chairs

Ulf Pehrsson, Ericsson (Sweden)  
Philippe Delleur, Alstom (France)

### Secretary

Nicolle Graugnard, ICC International Secretariat



## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

There are two ways to become a member of the ICC Commission on Trade and Investment Policy:

- By affiliation through an ICC National Committee or Group (please consult [ICC website](#) to find the National Committee in your country).
- By direct membership through the ICC International Secretariat if a National Committee or Group has not yet been established in your country or territory.

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