

# DIGITAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY

Ambassador Xavier Carim, Rashmi Banga, Antonio Andreoni and chaired by Pamela Mondliwa

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## About the Speakers



**Ambassador Xavier Carim** is a Deputy Director General at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) of South Africa. He is responsible for managing South Africa's international trade and investment policy engagements. He served as South Africa's Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization (WTO) from October 2014 to December 2018. From March 2007 until October 2014, he held the position of Deputy Director General in the International Trade and Economic Development Division at the then Department of Trade and Industry (the dti), leading SACU's trade negotiations with MERCOSUR, EFTA and the EU. He served as South Africa's representative at the WTO in Geneva from 1998 until 2002. He holds a BA Honours Degree (University of Toronto, Canada) and a Master's Degree (Rhodes University, South Africa).



**Rashmi Banga** is a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries, Division of Globalisation and Development Strategies, UNCTAD. She is the former Adviser and Head, Trade Competitiveness in the Commonwealth Secretariat, where the division provided policy support to more than 30 countries. She was an Associate Professor of Economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University and received her doctorate from Delhi School of Economics. She has published extensively in refereed journals on digital issues, international trade, global value chains and foreign direct investment. She has been awarded the International Economic Development Research Award by Export-Import Bank of India and is the recipient of two Gold Medals for her research on globalisation and development from Global Development Network, World Bank.



**Antonio Andreoni** is Professor of Development Economics at the Department of Economics, SOAS, University of London. He is also Honorary Professor at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, University College London, and Visiting Associate Professor at the South African Research Chair in Industrial Development, University of Johannesburg. He has published extensively on production dynamics, technological change, and social conditions of innovation; structural transformation, global value chains and industrial ecosystems; financialisation and corporate governance; political economy of industrial policy; energy transition and sustainable industrial restructuring; and competition policy, digitalisation, and the platform economy. He has been an advisor for several international organisations and governments in South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Finland and the United Kingdom. Antonio holds a PhD from Cambridge University.

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