

COVID-19 AND TRADE WEBINARS

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- The novel coronavirus has hit the economies around the world hard, restraining the flow of goods, services, capital and people. As a result, supply chains and production networks have been disrupted; travel, tourism and retail trade have been greatly undermined. Disruptions to production are already occurring and many large firms and SMEs have been forced to suspend production, to close facilities and retail outlets, and furthermore, warned of delivery delays.
- This pandemic is set to take a big toll and appears to come at an inopportune time for firms whose margins have already been squeezed as results of the trade war. While it is still uncertain how wide and far-reaching the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic would be, depending on the adequacy and comprehensiveness of the policy response, its likely impact on Arab economies' trade and FDI performance will be discussed in the two webinars.
- The first webinar will presents and discuss impacts of the pandemic on Trade and FDI in the Arab region while the second will presents tools for estimating, monitoring and evaluating the impacts of the pandemic on GVCs and RVCs. We furthermore discuss the role of regional and international cooperation in this context and how regional and international organizations can support competition authorities in adjusting to the new challenges.



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Moderator



WEBINAR 1

COVID-19 and the contraction in global and regional VCs: FDI and Trade impacts

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (Beirut time)

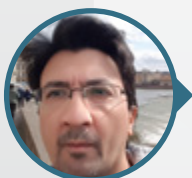


1. BRUNO CASELLA
World Investment Report
2020: presentation
of global FDI trends

2. BRUNO CASELLA
International production
and GVC beyond
the pandemic



**3. RIADH BEN JELIL
AND MOHAMD CHEMINGUI**
The impact of COVID-19 on
greenfield FDI inflows in the region



**4. MEHMET ERIS
AND MOHAMED CHEMINGUI**
Trade impacts of COVID-19
in the Arab region



WEBINAR 2

Toolkits to facilitate global and regional trade to support economic recovery

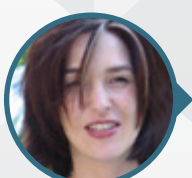
12.00 noon to 13.30 (Beirut time)



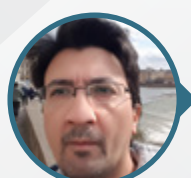
1. JULIA SPIES
ITC's tools and platforms
to facilitate African
trade integration



2. ALI ALSAMAWI, OECD
The benefits of OECD TiVA
indicators and their uses
to analyse impacts of
COVID on GVCs



3. NATHALIE GRAND
ESCWA's tools and
platforms to facilitate
Arab global and
regional integration



4. MEHMET ERIS (ESCWA)
Services trade regulations
and FDI inflows:
implications and policy
options for recovery after
the COVID-19 outbreak

The two webinars discuss the challenges faced by competition authorities in the Arab region during the COVID-19 crisis and its aftermath in addition to measures authorities can take and already have taken in some cases in order to protect and promote competition.