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Recent talks among senior negotiators have seen no backsliding on ambition in the Doha Round, but no tangible progress either, Director-General Pascal Lamy concluded on 23 October 2009 when he summarized the overall situation for the Trade Negotiations Committee, which he chairs.....[Read More](#)

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10TH EU-INDIA SUMMIT

Date: 06.Nov.2009

Where: New Delhi, India

Action: Political Meetings

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TRADE ANALYSIS

NO "TANGIBLE PROGRESS" YET IN DOHA NEGOTIATIONS, REPORTS LAMY

Geneva, 23 Oct (Kanaga Raja) -- While there has been useful engagement the past week in focused and constructive discussions, "we have not yet seen tangible progress in the negotiations", WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy told an informal meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC) Friday.....[Read More](#)

WIDENING NORTH-SOUTH BROADBAND DIVIDE

Geneva, 22 Oct (Riaz K. Tayob) -- While the rapid spread of information and communication technologies (ICTs) around the world, especially mobile phones, is beating the expectations of most experts, there is a widening gap between the developed and developing worlds in the availability of broadband Internet access, and greater efforts are needed to narrow the divide, according to the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).....[Read More](#)

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HAS INDIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH BECOME MORE PRO-POOR IN THE WAKE OF ECONOMIC REFORMS?

Summary: *The extent to which India's poor have benefited from the country's economic growth has long been debated. This paper revisits the issues using a new series of consumption-based poverty measures spanning 50 years, and including a 15-year period after economic reforms began in earnest in the early 1990s. Growth has tended to reduce poverty, including in the post-reform period. There is no robust evidence that the responsiveness of poverty to growth has increased, or decreased, since the reforms began, although there are signs of rising inequality. The impact of growth is higher for poverty measures that reflect distribution below the poverty line, and it is higher using growth rates calculated from household surveys than national accounts. The urban-rural pattern of growth matters to the pace of poverty reduction. However, in marked contrast to the pre-reform period, the post-reform process of urban economic growth has brought significant gains to the rural poor as well as the urban poor.....*[Read More](#)

LEFT BEHIND TO FARM ? WOMEN'S LABOR RE-ALLOCATION IN RURAL CHINA

Summary: *The transformation of work during China's rapid economic development is associated with a substantial but little noticed re-allocation of traditional farm labor among women, with some doing much less and some much more. This paper studies how the work, time allocation, and health of non-migrant women are affected by the out-migration of others in their household. The analysis finds that the women left behind are doing more farm work than would have otherwise been the case. There is also evidence that this is a persistent effect, and not just temporary re-allocation. For some types of women (notably older women), the labor re-allocation response comes out of their leisure.....*[Read More](#)