CAN TRADE AND AID REDUCE POVERTY IN AFRICA?
REFLECTIONS ON THE ROLE OF MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Richard Newfarmer was most recently the Special Representative to the United Nations and World Trade Organization, based in Geneva, Switzerland, where he worked with country delegations and Geneva-based international organizations on issues of trade, labor, climate change, and health. Most recently, he has focused on aid for trade. He has also lectured at the World Trade Institute, University of St. Gallen, and the Graduate Institute, among others.

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Both aid and trade policies of multilateral institutions have been a source of controversy for many years. Economists such as Joe Stiglitz and William Easterly have long been critical of both policies and practices of the donor community, and the IMF and World Bank in particular, for the trade policy recommendations and conditionalities. Others, such as Jeff Sachs, have argued that the problem is less with the policy underpinning than that aid amounts were too low to be fully effective. How has Africa fared in the last decade in its interactions with multilateral trade and aid institutions—the WTO, the World Bank, and the IMF? Has trade and trade liberalization hurt the poor? Has aid set back development or promoted it? These are some of the questions Richard Newfarmer will take up.

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