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2011 EABC Programme Trade Policy Forum



with Guest of Honour:

Karel De Gucht

EU Trade Commissioner
European Commission, Brussels

Thursday 17 March 2011

10.30-11.00 am Registration and Morning Tea
11.00-12.00 pm Keynote Address and Discussion

Venue: Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street , Sydney

Biography

Karel De Gucht is the EU Trade Commissioner of the European Commission for 2010-14, and took up his appointment in President Barroso's Commission in February 2010.

As the EU Trade Commissioner, one of Mr De Gucht's primary objectives is to pursue the ongoing efforts towards global free trade. This includes the major goal of the completion of the Doha trade negotiation round of the World Trade Organization.

Prior to his current role, Mr Karel De Gucht held numerous senior political positions in the European Parliament, the European Commission and also in the Belgian Federal Parliament, including Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, and as a Flemish and European MP.

Mr De Gucht was a Member of the Belgian House of Representatives from 2003 until 2009, during which time he held the portfolios of Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Affairs (2004-2009) and Minister for International Trade (2003-2009).

Mr De Gucht is also a Professor in European law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

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