

Information for the media: MC11 Opening session

The Opening Ceremony for the WTO 11th Ministerial Conference takes place at the Convention Center Buenos Aires (CCBA – also known as Centro de Exposiciones y Convenciones – CEC). It starts at 4 pm on 10 December 2017. Below are guidelines for media participation and additional information about the meeting.

PRINT MEDIA

A limited number of seats have been reserved for journalist in the room. Badges are available as of 12h30 on 9 December in the Media Centre located at the Hilton Hotel, second floor, room 245, on a first come, first serve basis. Journalists are requested to arrive at least an hour before the start, to remain in the seats allocated to them and not to circulate in the room, even before the conference starts.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CAMERAS

TV cameramen and photographers can work from three platforms at the back of the conference room. Audio outlets are available on these platforms. Badges for this area (marked with a "P") are available as of 12h30 on 9 December at the Media Centre, Hilton Hotel, second floor, room 245 on a first come, first serve basis.

TV cameras and photographers should remain on the platforms for the duration of the session. A very limited group of **pool photographers** will have rights to approach the podium up to areas marked with security ropes in some corridors, provided they do not block the official broadcast's video cameras.

LOGISTICS

Please arrive in the Convention Centre 2 hours in advance for security checks. Access to the room will be closed 1 hour before the meeting. For transportation to the CCBA, please use shuttles available and described on [this document](#). For the Opening Session, the dress code is business formal attire or National Dress.

STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING

First part: formal business. MC11 chair Susana Malcorra will open the meeting, invite the Ministerial Conference to adopt the formal agenda for the coming days, and invite the chairman of the WTO General Council, Ambassador Xavier CARIM (South Africa) to present his report to ministers.

Second part: ceremonial segment, with the presence of President Mauricio Macri of Argentina and other Heads of State. This segment includes the signature of a declaration by the Heads of State present and representatives from other countries. More details will be provided in due course.

BROADCAST SERVICES

The opening ceremony will be available for downlink at the coordinates below, unencrypted. HD-SDI connections are also available at the Media Centre, at the Hilton, Room Buen Ayre B.

CCBA NRO.2 / Hilton Subida 14418.75 Simbol 333 FEX 8 PSK- ¾	Hilton NRO 3 Subida 14423.25 Simbol 333 FEX 8 PSK ¾	Hilton NRO 4 Subida 14427.75 Simbol 333 FEX 8 PSK ¾
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Information for the media: First plenary session

The formal part of the Ministerial Conference resumes on Monday, 11 December, in room Pacifico A at the Hilton Hotel. The Plenary session starts at 10 am and continues in the afternoon and on 12 December. It consists of statements by ministers from WTO members, observer governments and other institutions.

On the first morning, MC11 chair Susana Malcorra and Director-General Roberto Azevêdo will make a statement. The chair will then give the floor to WTO members. The list of speakers can be consulted [here](#).

These sessions are regularly open for the press. However, due to severe space constraints, the first session on Monday at 10am will have separate arrangements, detailed below.

When coming to the Hilton Convention Centre please allow sufficient time for security checks. Entrance for the press is at the corner of streets Juana Manso and Macacha Guemes.

PRINT MEDIA

For the first plenary session, there are no seats available for members of the press. We recommend following the broadcast from Room Buen Ayre C, from areas in the Media Centre, on the webcast.

For other sessions, starting on Monday at 2 pm, journalists are welcome to attend and to take available seats.

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For other sessions, starting on Monday at 2 pm, cameras are free to move provided they do not block the official broadcast's video cameras. We also request cameramen and photographers wishing to roam the room not to block the visibility of participants for more than a few minutes at a time.