

## **MINISTER-IN-CHARGE OF TRADE RELATIONS GRACE FU TO ATTEND THE 14<sup>TH</sup> WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND RELATED MEETINGS IN YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON**

1. Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Grace Fu will attend the 14<sup>th</sup> World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC14) in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 24 March to 29 March 2026.
2. As the highest decision-making body of the WTO, the WTO Ministerial Conference is a critical platform for Trade Ministers to address current and future issues that affect the global trading system. These issues include reforming the WTO's decision-making processes to ensure its continued relevance, improving the WTO's dispute settlement system, setting baseline global digital trade rules through the E-Commerce Agreement, extending the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions, and ensuring a level playing field.
3. Following nine months of deliberation by officials in Geneva, Ministers will discuss how to take the WTO reform forward. Minister Fu will be one of the select six Minister-Facilitators leading these discussions. The goal is to foster a more agile, flexible and responsive organisation capable of addressing modern trade complexities.
4. Ministers will also consider the incorporation of the Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement (IFDA) into the WTO's legal framework at MC14. The IFDA aims to enhance transparency and simplify investment-related administrative procedures. This will contribute towards a stable, predictable, and conducive investment environment for Singapore-based investors operating globally.
5. Singapore supports efforts to strengthen the open, rules-based multilateral trading system, with the WTO at its core. This system, governed by WTO rules, serves as a bedrock for free and predictable international trade that promotes and facilitates inclusive growth, especially for a global trading hub like Singapore.
6. During her visit, Minister Fu will also meet with her counterparts from the Future of Investment and Trade (FIT) Partnership, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the European Union (EU), other bilateral counterparts and parliamentarians specialising in international trade and development from various countries.

7. Minister Fu will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Attorney-General's Chambers.

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