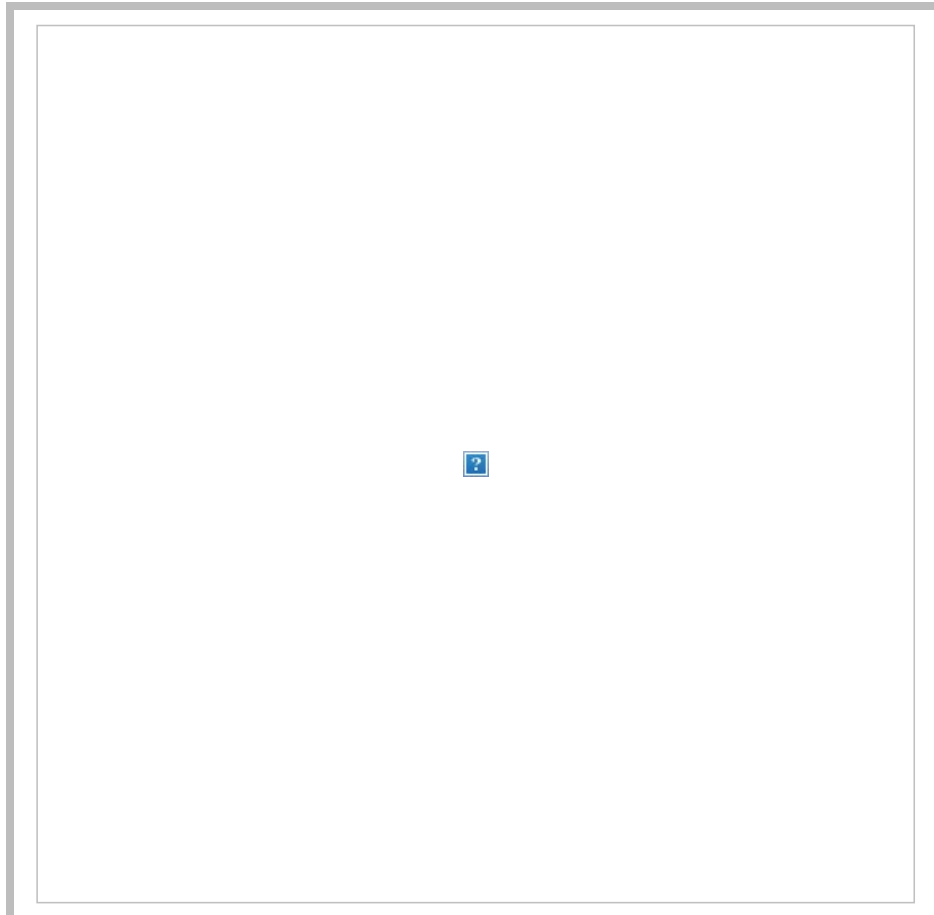


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Dear Readers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2023 Issue of the WTCA's "Around the WTCA Network" monthly e-newsletter featuring Member-submitted stories with updates on what is happening around the globe, upcoming events and WTCA Member anniversaries being celebrated.

Separately, a few exciting updates from the WTCA team:

- **REGISTER NOW for the 2023 WTCA General Assembly**, taking place **Sunday, April 23 through Friday, April 28!** Hosted by WTC Accra, this year's GA will feature the theme "**Towards African Economic Integration and Enhanced Global Presence**" and focus on business opportunities across the continent, bringing together new and expanded opportunities not only to/from Ghana, but all nations. **Early Bird tickets are now available through January 31, 2023. All WTCA Members are eligible to receive one complimentary ticket to this year's General Assembly upon paying 2023 membership dues and completing their World Trade Center location's InfoShare Online Form by January 31.**
- Join us at WTC Accra "travels" to each region this month for information webinars, providing an overview on GA programming, venues and accommodations, the B2B/B2G program, visa and vaccination requirements, touristic opportunities, how to register delegations, and details on how each WTCA Member can receive one free ticket to attend:
 - **Europe: Tuesday, January 10 at 14:30-15:15 GMT**
 - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85166942067?pwd=KzZ1QVYybW1abVVpQ29sZHo0VEZ4Zz09> (registration not required)
 - **Asia Pacific: Thursday, January 12 at 07:00-08:00 GMT**
 - Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcuyorz4tGdLuFmRE_KM9WuptY1UEJRQF (registration is required)
 - **Middle East and Africa: Tuesday, January 17 at 13:00-13:45 GMT**
 - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87631609626?>

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- **North America:** *details coming soon*
- **Latin America:** *details coming soon*
- **WTCA Accreditation Updates:** The WTCA HQs team in New York is pleased to announce the following newly accredited WTCA Members:
 - World Trade Center Mumbai for Premier status with specializations in Trade Development, Commercial Real Estate and Services, Business and Member Services, and Conference and Exhibition Services
 - World Trade Center Noida for Premier status with specializations in Trade Development, Business and Member Services, and Commercial Real Estate and Services
- **Apply today to get your World Trade Center business Accredited or Premier Accredited via the revamped WTCA Accreditation Program.** Accredited members will receive an accreditation plaque, digital logo, accreditation certificate, and other marketing tools including letters of recognition to your Mayor's office and other officials, partners, and clients you would like to inform regarding your award on behalf of Mr. John E. Drew and Mr. Robin van Puyenbroeck.
 - **How to Apply**
 - Conduct a self-evaluation using the checklist located on the WTCA Resource Center [here](#)
 - Review the Accreditation Applicant Guide [here](#)
 - Contact accreditation@wtca.org to start the application process.
 - NOTE: Applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis – click [here](#) to view the recording of the Accreditation presentation from the 2021 WTCA Member Forum and learn how to get started in the Accreditation process.
- The WTCA and World Trade Center businesses in Latin America (LatAm) have published the [fifth edition of the WTCA Prime Office Index LatAm](#). In collaboration with *Latin Trade*, the report measures the expectations of experts on the behavior of occupancy, sale and rental prices in “prime” office buildings in the region. Check out the [full report](#) and [official WTCA press release](#).
- The first European Regional Meeting of 2023 will take place February 6-8, hosted by WTC Marseille Provence. Details on the event can be found [here](#).

Please note the deadline for submissions for the February 2023 issue will be Tuesday, January 31.

Lastly, we encourage all Members to continue to submit their conferences, networking events, educational events, trade shows/exhibitions and trade missions to be included in the [WTCA Global Events Calendar](#) via the WTCA Digital Platform. For questions, please reach out to newsletter@wtca.org.

Sincerely,
The WTCA Editorial Team
newsletter@wtca.org

MEMBER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE NETWORK

ASIA PACIFIC

DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION BILL, 2022

World Trade Center Bengaluru

World Trade Center Bengaluru, in association with NASSCOM, conducted an interactive session on the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022 (“Bill”)...

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ONLINE WORKSHOP ON ADVANCED MICROSOFT EXCEL

World Trade Center Bengaluru

World Trade Center Bengaluru, in association with SB Global Educational Resources, conducted an online workshop on Advanced MS Excel. Amardeep Varma...

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SEMINAR ON ODISHA STATE EXPORT POLICY 2022

World Trade Center Bhubaneswar

World Trade Center Bhubaneswar, in association with the MSME Department, Government of Odisha, Bank of India Bhubaneswar, EXIM Consultancy, Entrepreneurship...

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WE FOR WEAVERS – PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FASHION

World Trade Center Bhubaneswar

The textile and apparel industry in India is the second largest employer in the country and contributes to a substantial part of our economy. The...

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TECHFEST VIETNAM 2022 IN BINH DUONG

World Trade Center Binh Duong New City

The eighth national festival for innovative startups, TECHFEST VIETNAM 2022, successfully took place December 2-4 in Binh Duong Province...

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TRADE COOPERATION BETWEEN VIETNAM - INDIA

World Trade Center Binh Duong New City

A conference promoting Vietnam-India trade 2022 was held at the Binh Duong Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) with the support of World Trade Center Binh Duong New City...

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TALK ON MANAGING A MULTI-GEN WORKFORCE

World Trade Center Chennai

Rakesh Gopinathan, Executive Coach and Mentor and the Founder/CEO of WBA addressed this talk session on how to effectively manage a multi-gen workforce...

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VISIT OF CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

World Trade Center Chennai

Canadian High Commissioner Cameron MacKay visited World Trade Center Chennai. Hrishikesh Nair, President of World Trade Center Chennai, received the delegates...

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WTC GIFT CITY FACILITATES VISIT OF MPIIF

World Trade Center GIFT City

World Trade Center GIFT City has recently facilitated the visit of Madhya Pradesh Industrial & Infrastructure Forum to explore...

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VISIT OF TAIPEI WTC OFFICIALS

World Trade Center Kochi

Jules Shih, Director, and Ian Lee, Manager, at Taipei World Trade Center, Chennai visited World Trade Center Kochi. There were discussions about the business environment...

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VISIT OF SENIOR TRADE COMMISSIONER

World Trade Center Kochi

Kenneth Wong, Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Bengaluru visited World Trade Center Kochi. Discussions revolved around the...

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WTCKL DR. IBRAHIM BAGS TWO AWARDS DURING PANDEMIC

World Trade Center Kuala Lumpur

World Trade Center Kuala Lumpur (WTCKL) Group Managing Director Datuk Seri Irmohizam Ibrahim has won the "Special Industry Recognition Award" and...

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WTCKL MARKS WORLD DIABETES DAY 2022

World Trade Center Kuala Lumpur

World Trade Center Kuala Lumpur (WTCKL) hosted its first World Diabetes Day for its employees, with the hope of further raising awareness of this...

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WTC METRO MANILA FEATURES PHILCONSTRUCT

World Trade Center Metro Manila

World Trade Center Metro Manila (WTCMM) was selected by the WTCA to feature one of the largest and most prestigious exhibitions that it hosts in...

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LENINGRAD CAN BE A GATEWAY TO THE EUROPEAN MARKET

World Trade Center Mumbai

Leningrad is the economic and logistics center in the northwestern part of Russia and is home to the second largest seaport of the country...

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WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABILITY TOOLKIT FOR MSMES

World Trade Center Mumbai

Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) can play a significant role in transitioning to a sustainable development model. By adopting sustainable business practices, MSMEs will not only...

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CHINESE EXHIBITIONS @ MUMBAI GET A GOOD RESPONSE

World Trade Center Navi Mumbai

The eighth annual China HomeLife and eighth annual China Machinex Exhibitions were held in Mumbai December 13- 15. These popular exhibitions of Chinese...

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WTC NOIDA MEETS WITH CII CHAIRMAN - ICTE COMMITTEE

World Trade Center Noida

WTCA Board Member, Executive Director of WTC Services and Joint President of World Trade Center Noida, Khair Ull Nissa Sheikh had recently...

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WTC NOIDA INTERACTS WITH WTC NEW DELHI

World Trade Center Noida

Joint President of World Trade Center Noida, Khair Ull Nissa Sheikh had a wonderful interaction with Sudhir Nair, World Trade Center...

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PREJEX GMBH JOINS HANDS WITH WTC PUNE & POLYBOND

World Trade Center Pune

Prejex Inc., a spin-off of Germany-based Prejex GMBH, has entered into an agreement with Polybond, headed by Adit Rathi of Rathi Group, to manufacture...

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WTC PUNE JOINS CGST AND CUSTOMS, PUNE ZONE

World Trade Center Pune

World Trade Center Pune was one of the exhibitors at the recently held MSME event organized by Central Goods and Service Tax and Customs, Pune Zone...

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EUROPE

CY-INDIA SIGN BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

World Trade Center Cyprus

Bilateral cooperation agreements between the Republic of Cyprus and India were signed on Thursday, December 29 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nicosia. In...

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NEW GAS DISCOVERY IN BLOCK 6

World Trade Center Cyprus

The drilling rig of the ENI-TotalEnergies consortium in the Cyprus EEZ has discovered a new gas field at the Zeus 1 target. This is a larger field...

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A MESSAGE FROM WTC DUBLIN'S PRESIDENT

World Trade Center Dublin

A Message from World Trade Center Dublin's President, Maureen Pace: As 2022 comes to an end and as I reflect on the year and review the opportunities to come in 2023, I would like to share...

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WTC DUBLIN ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH FOODCLOUD

World Trade Center Dublin

World Trade Center Dublin (WTC Dublin) is proudly partnering with one incredible Irish organization: FoodCloud. FoodCloud is a nonprofit social enterprise that exists to tackle...

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40 YEARS WTC EINDHOVEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

World Trade Center Eindhoven

Lars van der Hoorn: "When we look at World Trade Center Eindhoven, we see a strong network of involved entrepreneurs who know how to find each other, but it is also the international..."

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DISCOVERING A NEW MARKET: ALGERIA

World Trade Center Metz-Saarbrücken

ALGEST, under the patronage of the Algerian Ministry of economy, was organized by the "Bourse Algérienne de Sous-traitance" in collaboration with World Trade Center Algiers. This industrial...

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TRAVEL INDUSTRY FORUM AT WTC MOSCOW

World Trade Center Moscow

The prospects for the hotel sector were discussed at World Trade Center Moscow. On October 21, in the Valdai and Seliger halls of the World Trade Center Moscow Congress Center...

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TECHNOLOGICAL FESTIVAL AT WTC MOSCOW

World Trade Center Moscow

The World Trade Center Moscow Congress Center hosted the technological festival of the Abilimpix movement from October 27 to 31, in parallel with the National Championship...

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DESTINATION RENNES'S ARTICLE ABOUT THE WTC RB

World Trade Center Rennes Bretagne

World Trade Center Rennes Bretagne: "We cherish exchanging, linking and sharing experiences." Because working internationally cannot be improvised, experts and business...

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JOURNÉES CLUB DU WTC RENNES BRETAGNE

World Trade Center Rennes Bretagne

The replays of the "Journées Clubs du World Trade Center Rennes Bretagne" are officially online! What do those events consist of? Three days, five countries, and a number of qualified speakers...

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NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

CES 2023 SHOWCASES DIVERSE CONVERSATIONS & LEADERS

World Trade Center Las Vegas

The Consumer Technology Association (CTA)® announced a CES 2023® keynote panel, "Bold Solutions for a Changing World," featuring top female...

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NEW ORLEANS WORLD TRADE CENTER HAS NEW CHIEF TO TA

World Trade Center New Orleans

World Trade Center New Orleans has a new chief with Harrison Crabtree set to take over from Edwin Webb as head of the trade promotion body in January. The move follows the takeover earlier...

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NAVY SEEKING BIDS FOR 70-ACRE NAVWAR PROPERTY

World Trade Center San Diego

The federal government is offering the land for "in-kind" consideration, meaning it would exchange the site, in lieu of cash, for 1.43 million square feet...

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AGRI FOOD EXPO MEXICO KICKS OFF WITH WTC TAMPA BAY

World Trade Center Tampa Bay

World Trade Center Tampa Bay hosted the inaugural Agri Food Expo Mexico in conjunction with the Port Tampa Bay. More than 40 vendors were invited...

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WTC TAMPA BAY & MEXICO SIGN AGRIBUSINESS AGREEMENT

World Trade Center Tampa Bay

World Trade Center Tampa Bay has agreed to be a part of the "B2B for Agribusiness" Program with the Consulate of Mexico and Chamber of the...

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UTAH'S 2023 TRADE MISSIONS & SHOWS FOR BUSINESSES

World Trade Center Utah

2022 was a big year. World Trade Center Utah hit the world again, leading Utah companies to the United Arab Emirates, France, Mexico, Germany, Canada, U.K...

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SBA'S STEP GRANT TO PROVIDE \$1M FOR UTAH COMPANIES

World Trade Center Utah

Through a generous contribution from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the state of Utah will award USD \$1 million in grant funding to small...

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WTCDC ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

World Trade Center Washington, D.C.

Allyson Browne McKithen, has been appointed as the first African-American

woman to lead the World Trade Center Washington, D.C. (WTCDC) as Executive Director and Vice President...

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NET ZERO WORLD INITIATIVE

World Trade Center Washington, D.C.

On December 6, clean energy industry leaders, country partners, U.S. government leaders, and representatives from the Department of Energy...

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CES® 2023

January 05-08, 2023

LVCVA / World Trade Center Las Vegas

CES 2023 will shine a spotlight on how technology helps people tackle the world's most pressing problems. Human Security for All will be a theme...

[Register](#)

INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR TO 2023 WTCA GA (EUROPE)

January 10, 2023

WTC Accra

To be held at 14:30-15:15 GMT. WTCA Members only. No registration required, please click Zoom link to join.

Join via [Zoom](#)

INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR TO 2023 WTCA GA (ASIA PACIFIC)

January 12, 2023

WTC Accra

To be held at 07:00-08:00 GMT. WTCA Members only. Registration is required, please click Zoom link to join.

[Register](#)

INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR TO 2023 WTCA GA (MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA)

January 17, 2023

WTC Accra

To be held at 13:00-13:45 GMT. WTCA Members only. No registration required, please click Zoom link to join.

Join via [Zoom](#)

MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAM – DILIGENCE LEADS

January 18, 2023

World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara

Following up on our North America session at the WTCA Member Forum in New York City, many of you expressed further interest in the data program...

[Register](#)

FITUR 2023

January 18-22, 2023

International Trade Administration (ITA)

FITUR is the largest travel and tourism trade show in Spain (third largest in Europe). The next edition will take place from January 18-22 in Madrid, Spain at the IFEMA Convention Center...

[Register](#)

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING EXPO (IPPE)

January 24-26, 2023

International Trade Administration (ITA)

The three-day IPPE is the world's largest annual display of technology, equipment, supplies, and services used in the production and processing of eggs, meat, and poultry and those involved in feed manufacturing...

[Register](#)

ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2023

January 31, 2023

UN Global Compact (UNGC)

The 2023 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will be held on Tuesday, 31 January 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:45 pm (EDT), back-to-back with the Council's Coordination Segment...

[Register](#)

GLOBAL CEO SUMMIT 2023

February 01-03, 2023

UFI

The Global CEO Summit, or the GCS as it is also known, is UFI's most exclusive event. It serves as the exhibition industry's annual curtain raiser event for the most senior executives worldwide. By invitation Only...

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INDIA ENERGY WEEK

February 06-08, 2023

International Trade Administration (ITA)

As the first major event under India's G20 Presidency, India Energy Week follows the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pledge at COP26 to cut India's emissions to net-zero by 2070...

[Register](#)

2023 WTCA EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING

February 06-08, 2023

WTC Marseille Provence and World Trade Centers Association

The World Trade Center Marseille Provence welcomes you to attend our first in-person WTCA gathering in 2023! This meeting will be the...

[Register](#)

2ND ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY WEEK ASIA

February 07-09, 2023

Economist Impact Events

Sustainability Week Asia aims to help you cut through the noise surrounding sustainability, giving you an independent guide to achieving your goals...

[Register](#)

ACCESS AFRICA NOW VIRTUAL EVENTS SERIES

February 08 – September 13, 2023

International Trade Administration (ITA)

ACCESS Africa Now, a monthly series of virtual events, will feature US Commercial Service staff and U.S. companies who have succeeded in doing business in sub-Saharan Africa...

[Register](#)

MAKE TRADE WORK WEBINAR SERIES: SESSION 3

February 09, 2023

World Trade Centers Association and International Trade Administration (ITA)

Session title: "Managing Global Supply Chain." Stay tuned for more information...

[More info](#)

2023 WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

February 13-14, 2023

World Trade Center Washington, D.C.

The Washington International Trade Conference brings together leaders in international trade from across the U.S. and around the world to explore the trade landscape and look toward...

[Register](#)

10TH ANNUAL WORLD OCEAN SUMMIT & EXPO

February 27 – March 01, 2023

Economist Impact Events

The World Ocean Summit is an annual global event bringing together the widest cross-section of the ocean community from business and finance to...

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UFI Asia-Pacific Conference 2023

March 02-03, 2023

UFI

More information to come. Pre-registration available.

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2023 CONGRESSIONAL TRADE AGENDA

March 03, 2023

World Trade Center Washington, D.C.

This event is OFF-THE-RECORD and will be in-person at the Pavilion of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. A networking coffee reception will precede the event...

[Register](#)

TIMTOS 2023

March 06-11, 2023

World Trade Center Taipei

Taipei International Machine Tool Show, known as TIMTOS, is one of the world's largest machine tool trade shows. It is an important platform for...

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IAICC 2023 CONVENTION

March 29-31, 2023

World Trade Center Washington, D.C.

Over a three-day period in Washington DC, the IAICC 2023 Convention will seek to highlight and stimulate deeper interactions between India and the US in both political and trade/commerce...

[Register](#)

2023 WTCA General Assembly

April 23-28, 2023

WTC Accra and World Trade Centers Association

The WTCA General Assembly (GA) is the association's premier annual event, gathering representatives from member World Trade Center (WTC) locations and their business networks...

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WTCA PARTNERSHIPS

ACI EUROPE REGRETS “SCIENTIFICALLY UNJUSTIFIED” RETURN TO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS (from ACI Europe)

ACI EUROPE has today expressed regret regarding the actions of a number of

States within the EU and globally for unilaterally imposing health-related travel requirements including systematic pre-departure or on-arrival testing of travelers from China...

[More](#)

SDG AND AWARENESS WEEK (from UNAI)

Join in the Action! The University Global Coalition, in partnership with the State University of New York, is proud to declare March 6-10, 2023 UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) Action and Awareness Week. The purpose of this week is to promote awareness of the SDGs among students, faculty, and staff in higher education and inspire them to take action in furtherance of the goals on their campuses and in their local community.

[More](#)

SDG INNOVATION ACCELERATOR FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (from UNGC)

Applications are open for the UN Global Compact's [SDG Innovation Accelerator](#), a nine-month program that empowers future business leaders to develop and drive innovative solutions through new technologies, initiatives, and business models and deliver on their company's sustainability objectives...

[More](#)

BETTER OR WORSE? LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023 (from UNCTAD)

Tune in to hear UNCTAD Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan on the challenges and successes of 2022, as well as her priorities and hopes for the new year...

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SERVICES TRADE ACTIVITY LIKELY TO WEAKEN WITH SLOWING GROWTH IN MAJOR ECONOMIES (from WTO)

World services trade activity appears to have weakened in the fourth quarter of 2022 and is likely to remain soft in the opening months of 2023, with slowing growth in major economies weighing on the post-pandemic recovery, according to the latest WTO Services Trade Barometer released on 22 December...

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WELCOME NEW WTCA MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest WTCA Members:

- World Trade Center Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- World Trade Center Amersfoort, The Netherlands
- World Trade Center Devanahalli, India
- World Trade Center Hosur, India
- World Trade Center Mazatlán, Mexico
- World Trade Center NDITA, India
- World Trade Center San Miguel de Allende, Mexico (previously World Trade Center Guanajuato)

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- World Trade Center Amsterdam – 53 years
- World Trade Center Antwerp – 53 years
- World Trade Center Brussels – 53 years
- World Trade Center Houston – 53 years
- World Trade Center New Orleans – 53 years
- World Trade Center Rotterdam – 53 years
- World Trade Center Toronto – 53 years
- World Trade Center Geneva – 52 years
- World Trade Center Milan – 51 years

- World Trade Center Gothenburg – 50 years
- World Trade Center Baltimore – 46 years
- World Trade Center Istanbul – 43 years
- World Trade Center Havana – 42 years
- World Trade Center Poznań – 20 years
- World Trade Center San Luis Potosí – 14 years
- World Trade Center Cancun – 13 years
- World Trade Center Las Vegas – 13 years
- World Trade Center Naucalpan – 13 years
- World Trade Center Querétaro – 13 years
- World Trade Center Bhubaneswar – 10 years
- World Trade Center Jaipur – 10 years
- World Trade Center Curitiba – 8 years
- World Trade Center Goiânia – 8 years
- World Trade Center Lisbon – 7 years



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