

Thank you Chair

And thank you to all of today's speakers.

Like others, I very much enjoyed hearing the presentations from Ms Zaruk and Mr Ocansey on their respective ventures in Libya and Ghana. Being based here in Geneva, it is great to hear perspectives from the field.

And one aspect of those presentations that struck me was the importance of ITC's support in enabling small businesses and entrepreneurs to try something, re-assess and adjust their business model, and try again.

Our statement today will be brief, and I should note that we endorse the comments made by Canada on behalf of ITC's donors, especially in relation to mainstreaming lessons learned from key projects across the organisation's work.

Australia strongly values the role ITC plays in promoting good trade.

We have worked together on SheTrades projects in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean region, and we are pleased to see that the SheTrade initiative is expanding into new countries and regions.

We also value the role ITC plays in effectively communicating the social and economic benefits of inclusive trade, and in harnessing various actors' attention, energy and resources towards achieving this.

We look forward to continuing to work with ITC - and with other Members - to deliver strong results.

Thank you