

## **WTI Global Economic Governance Seminar Series**

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"HOW THE 19TH AND 20TH-CENTURY COLONIALISM STILL AFFECTS THE RULES OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM TO THE DETRIMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND WHAT SHOULD BE, CAN BE AND IS DONE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WTO TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION – AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE"

**THURSDAY, 05 MAY 2022 16.00-17.00 CET**Silva Casa Auditorium, World Trade Institute, Hallerstrasse 6, CH-3012 Bern or online (details below)

## **Brief Description**

The lecture will describe how 18th and 19th century colonialism shaped the manner in which African countries traded among each other and with rest of the world. It will explore how WTO rules perpetuate the continuance of these trade patterns and discuss ongoing efforts to cast off the colonial legacy.

## **Speaker Biography**

**Mr Marumo Nkomo** currently serves as Economic Counsellor at the South African Permanent Mission to the WTO. Prior to that, he was Director-Legal: International Trade and Economic Development at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) in South Africa. Marumo has also held various positions in the private sector and academia.

He holds an LLB degree from the University of Wales (UK) and two Masters degrees. The first, being an LLM in international trade and investment law from the Centre for Human Rights which is a joint centre of the University of Pretoria and University of the Western Cape (South Africa); while the other is a Master of International Law and Economics from the World Trade Institute in Berne (Switzerland).



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