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World Trade Symposium The Future of Trade is Open

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We are excited to announce that we are a supporting media partner at this year's World Trade Symposium taking place in London on 5-6 December 2018.

Brought to you by the <u>Financial Times</u> and <u>Finastra</u>, the World Trade Symposium is a unique event which will bring together global visionaries and industry experts, and will include roundtables to debate critical themes - advancing financial inclusion and trade through open markets, open finance and open architecture.

Over 60 speakers will be taking part including the recently announced Dr. Judy Shelton, Economic advisor to President Donald Trump and United States Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). There will be numerous opportunities to network and meet the experts.

As protectionism continues to challenge free trade principles, the global trading system is braced for impact. Promoting open trade values has become a key priority. Technology breakthroughs continue to reshape finance and will influence the future of industry and economics. The stage is set for both increasing innovation and uncertainty.

The primary theme of this years' Symposium is to foster 'openness' and collaboration across:

- Markets, trade policy and regulation
- Trade finance and investment
- Digitalisation and emerging technologies

The World Trade Symposium will investigate the issues and opportunities to transform trade with a vision of improving people's lives through increased collaboration. They will address the latest trends in global trade flows, trade policy and trade finance, alongside the potential of fintech innovation. Join us at the World Trade Symposium to engage in this exciting debate. **Register now** to attend this event.

Further information can also be found on the website: https://worldtradesymposium.com