



Conference on
Next-Gen Trade Pacts: Leveraging India's Partnership with Europe under FTAs
19 May 2026 | 9.30 am onwards
FICCI Federation House, New Delhi

Agenda

09.30 – 10.00 am	Registration and Networking Tea
10.00 – 11.00 am	Inaugural Session
	<p><i>Welcome Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Anant Swarup, Secretary General, FICCI <p><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Harish Ahuja, Chair, FICCI Foreign Trade and Trade Facilitation Committee and Managing Director, Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd. <p><i>Context Setting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. James J. Nedumpara, Professor and Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law and India Chair, WTO Chairs Programme <p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Darpan Jain IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India <p><i>Special Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of France, New Delhi* <p><i>Concluding Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Jyoti Vij, Director General, FICCI
11.00 – 11.02 am	Session Change-Over
11.02 am – 12.00 noon	Thematic Session 1- India-Europe Trade Agreements: Opportunities for Indian Industry
	<p><i>This session will examine the evolving landscape of India's trade agreements with the European Union, the United Kingdom, and the European Free Trade Association, with a focus on their implications for Indian industry. It will assess the potential of these agreements to enhance market access, improve export competitiveness, and facilitate deeper integration into European value chains. The discussion will also highlight pathways for effectively leveraging tariff liberalisation under these FTAs to support sustained export growth and diversification.</i></p>

	<p><i>Presentation on Leveraging India's FTAs with UK, EU & EFTA: Opportunities for Export Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ridhish Rajvanshi, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Trade and Investment Law <p><i>Experts Panel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Puran Dawar, Chairman, Development Council for Footwear and Leather Industry and Chairman, Dawar Group • Mr. Parthsarathi Jha, Co-Chair, FICCI Foreign Trade and Trade Facilitation Committee and Partner, Economic Laws Practice (ELP) • Mr. Abhinav Sogani, Vice President Taxation, Tata Consumer Products Limited • Mr. Vinnie Mehta, Director General, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) • Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi, Vice President, Global Trade Promotion Organisation (GTPO) Invest India* <p><i>Question and Answers</i></p>
12.00 noon – 12.05 pm	Session Change-Over
12.05 – 1.05 pm	<p>Thematic Session 2- Standards and Regulations: Navigating the Compliances in Europe</p>
<p><i>Against the backdrop of increasingly stringent regulatory frameworks in European markets, the session will focus on the compliance requirements shaping market access for Indian exporters, particularly related to Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT). It will examine the associated challenges and cost implications, while identifying strategies to strengthen compliance capacities and effectively utilise provisions under emerging trade agreements to facilitate smoother trade flows and minimise disruptions.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Presentation on Navigating SPS & TBT Barriers under New Trade Pacts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vishishth Malhotra, Associate, Centre for Trade and Investment Law <p><i>Experts Panel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow and Research Lead (Trade and Economics), Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore • Mr. Sagar Kaushik, President Global Corporate & Industry Affairs, UPL Limited • Mr. Pranav Kumar, Vice-President, International Trade Policy and Compliance, Reliance Industries Limited • Ms. Deepti Nagpal, Senior Manager - Regulatory Affairs, Global Product Compliance (GPC) – India • Dr. Madhusmita Sahoo, Head Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, MTR Foods • Ms. Archana Jatkar, Associate Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) <p><i>Question and Answers</i></p>



01.05 – 02.00 pm	Lunch
02.00 – 03.00 pm	Thematic Session 3- Services Trade: Strengthening India's Presence in European Markets
<p><i>In the context of a rapidly evolving global services landscape, this session will focus on opportunities to enhance India's services trade engagement with European markets. It will examine emerging trends in the digital economy and their implications for cross-border services, while identifying pathways for Indian service providers to leverage evolving trade frameworks to expand market presence and drive sustained growth.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Presentation on Services Trade and Digital Economy in India–Europe Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pranav Narang, Associate, Centre for Trade and Investment Law <p><i>Experts Panel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Varun Khosla, Managing Director, Dynamic Staffing Services • Mr. Madhusudhan Chauhan, Co-Chair, FICCI AYUSH Committee & CEO, JIVA Ayurveda • Mr. Mohit Bhasin, Global Head – Economic Growth and Public services, KPMG • Mr. Rohit Chauhan, India Head, Corporate Affairs, Tata Consultancy Services Limited • Ms. Rajalakshmi K, Deputy General Manager, State Bank of India (SBI) <p><i>Question and Answers</i></p>
03.00 – 03.05 pm	Session Change-Over
03.05 – 04.05 pm	Thematic Session 4- Unpacking CBAM: Trade with Europe and Industry Perspectives
<p><i>As the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) continues to shape carbon-related trade measures, this session will examine its evolving implications for Indian industry, particularly in terms of cost structures, competitiveness, and market access. It will also bring together industry perspectives on adaptation strategies and approaches to navigate emerging carbon-related requirements in European markets.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Presentation on CBAM and EU Carbon Measures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shana Sharma, Associate, Centre for Trade and Investment Law <p><i>Experts Panel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Anurag Sehgal, Principal, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP • Mr. Sanjay Notani, Partner, Economic Laws Practice (ELP) • Ms. Prachi Priya, Vice President and Head- Policy Advocacy & Economic Research, Hindalco Industries Ltd (Aditya Birla Group) • Mr. Gaurab Chowdhury, Vice President-Corporate Affairs, Jindal Stainless <p><i>Question and Answers</i></p>
04.05 – 04.10 pm	Session Change-Over
04.10 – 04.25 pm	Presentation on Trade Remedies Advisory Cell of CTIL



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Tanvi Praveen, <i>Consultant, Centre for Trade and Investment Law</i>
04.25 pm - 04.30 pm	<i>Vote of Thanks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Pragati Srivastava, <i>Assistant Secretary General, FICCI</i>
04.30 onwards pm	High Tea

**Invited*