分论坛 PARALLEL SESSION

Free and Fair Trade and Cooperation for Industrial Competitiveness

Date: 5 November 2026, 15:30-18:00

Venue: InterContinental Shanghai Hongqiao NECC Grand Ballroom

Host: Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China

Organizer: China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products

Introduction:

At present, a new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation is gathering momentum, presenting unprecedented strategic opportunities for industrial development across all countries. At the same time, the global industrial sector is also facing challenges stemming from the deep adjustment of the global industrial and supply chains and the profound reshaping of the international economic and trade order. Creating a policy environment conducive to enhancing industrial competitiveness has become a shared priority across government, industry and academia.

Under the theme of "Free and Fair Trade and Cooperation for Industrial Competitiveness", this Parallel Session will focus on the automotive industry, a highly globalized sector currently at a critical window of transformation and upgrading. It will convene senior government officials, industry leaders and prominent academics from China and abroad for in-depth discussions on topics including the global economic and trade policy environment and the enhancement of automotive industry competitiveness. The Report of the International Competitiveness of the Automotive Industry will be released at the Parallel Session.

The Parallel Session is committed to promoting candid exchanges among all parties to enhance understanding and build consensus, jointly discussing future development trends in the global automotive industry, and charting a path toward sustainable development characterized by collaborative innovation, mutual benefit, and win-win outcomes.

Program:

Timeslot	Agenda and Speakers	
15:00–15:30	**Registration / Networking**	
15:30–15:35	**Moderator Opening Remarks**	
15:35–16:15	**Keynote Speeches**	
	Member of MOFCOM leadership	
	Maninder Sidhu	Minister of International Trade, Canada
	Cecilie Myrseth	Minister of Industry and Commerce, Norway
	James Heckman	Laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, Professor at the University of Chicago
	WANG Xiaoqiu	Chairman of the Board, SAIC Motor Corporation Limited
16:15–16:30	**Launch of the research report: Report of the International Competitiveness of the Automotive Industry**	
	GAN Chunhui	President of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Editor-in-Chief of *Shanghai Economy*
16:30–17:40	**Roundtable | Free and Fair Trade and Cooperation for Industrial Competitiveness**	
	SHEN Yi (Moderator)	Professor, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University
	PENG Tao	Director General, Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau, MOFCOM
	Ayabonga Cawe	Chief Commissioner of International Trade Administration Commission, South Africa
	LIU Chun	President, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products
	Oliver Thöne	Member of the Board of Management of Mercedes-Benz Group AG
	CHEN Yimin	Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), Geely Holding Group
	John de Boer	Vice President, BlackBerry
17:40–18:00	**Interactive Q&A**	

*The actual agenda is subject to on-site circumstances.