

Ministers to discuss stalled WTO talks at Davos  
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GENEVA, Jan 6 (Reuters) - Ministers from some 30 World Trade Organisation (WTO) states will meet this month at the Swiss resort of Davos to try and put stalled trade talks back on track, a Swiss government spokesman said on Tuesday.

The meeting will be ministers' first encounter since the dramatic failure of a WTO summit in Mexico in September which brought the so-called Doha round of global trade negotiations to a virtual halt.

"It is intended to allow ministers to take stock and look ahead to how the Doha process can be moved forward," Swiss Economy Ministry spokesman Manuel Sager said.

Although he declined to identify them, Sager said most of the countries invited had been to previous restricted gatherings of WTO states, a group that includes the European Union, the United States, Japan, Brazil, China and India amongst others.

He said the meeting would be held on January 23 on the fringes of the annual gathering of political and business leaders at the World Economic Forum.

EU trade chief Pascal Lamy will not be going to Davos because he will be on a visit to India and Bangladesh, his spokeswoman said in Brussels.

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