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### **Indian Trade Minister Anand Sharma to Join Global Services Summit**

(Washington, DC) Indian Minister of Trade Anand Sharma has confirmed his participation in the **Global Services Summit: *Services Drive the Global Economy and Create Jobs*** to be held on October 13-14, 2009, in Washington DC. Minister Sharma will make remarks at the event following an address by United States Trade Representative **Ron Kirk**. The Minister will join a session that also includes EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton and Australian Trade Minister Simon Crean on the morning of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Summit will bring together world leaders from government, the private sector, international organizations, think tanks, and academia to debate and explore strategies that will expand services trade and investment to the benefit of developed and developing countries alike.

“We are honored to have Minister Sharma address the Summit,” said Bob Vastine, President of CSI. “His participation, with that of Ambassador Kirk, Commissioner Ashton, Minister Crean, and WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy demonstrates the importance that India places on the continued development of its service sector. International trade and investment in services are vital contributors to that development.”

The Summit is being organized by CSI in partnership with the Global Services Coalition, which includes the Australian Services Roundtable, the Canadian Services Coalition, the European Services Forum, the Hong Kong Coalition of Service Industries, International Financial Services London, the Japan Services Network/Keidanren, India’s NASSCOM, the Taiwan Coalition of Service Industries, and the Trinidad & Tobago Coalition of Service Industries.

For more information on the Summit, click here: <http://uscsi.org/ServicesSummit2009.html>.

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