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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS

Speaker	Mr Stephen Jacobi
Topic	“Some Thoughts on the Current Turbulence In World Trade”
Date & Time	<b>Monday 22 August 2022 at 6 pm</b>
Location	<b>Lecture Theatre, Old Government House</b> University Of Auckland Princes Street, Auckland
Covid Restrictions	<b>Masks and social distance are MANDATORY for this event.</b>
Synopsis	<p>World trade is beset with challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid has crimped personal travel for two years.</li><li>• Brexit shrank the EU, and now threatens peace in Ulster.</li><li>• Different visions of free trade zones contend in the Pacific.</li><li>• A tariff war exists between the USA and the PRC.</li><li>• Pressure builds to limit sourcing of products from the PRC.</li><li>• Warfare in parts of the world attracts trade restrictions.</li><li>• The USA is using the \$US to enforce geopolitical sanctions.</li><li>• Military activity in the Black Sea impedes food exports.</li><li>• Sea-lanes are vulnerable to piracy or Great Power rivalry.</li><li>• Ship shortages are hampering supply chains.</li></ul>
Biographical Details	<p>Stephen Jacobi is the Executive Director of the NZ International Business Forum, and Managing Director of Jacobi Consulting Ltd..</p> <p>Early in his career he was engaged in diplomatic activity. His experience includes posts as the Deputy High Commissioner in Ottawa, Canada, and the Assistant Trade Commissioner in Paris.</p> <p>Subsequently, he has served in senior positions in world trade. He was the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Forest Industries Council. This national pan-industry body represents the forestry and wood processing sector (the country's third largest exporter). From 2005 to 2014 he ran the NZ US Council as Executive Director. In May 2016 he was appointed as the Executive Director of the NZ China Council. In these roles he has been a frequent commentator in the media and public fora on trade.</p>

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<sup>1</sup> World Affairs Forum Incorporated, # 50081789. Available from: <https://app.businessregisters.govt.nz>.  
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