TRADE CAN PROVIDE THE MEANS TO DISSEMINATE THE TECHNOLOGIES NEEDED FOR BETTER WATER MANAGEMENT.

Water management and treatment is a tradeable environmental service. A group of WTO members are exploring opportunities and possible approaches for promoting and facilitating trade in environmental goods and services through the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions.

A total of 70 WTO members have agreed to slash trade costs, cut red tape and facilitate services trade, including water management and sanitation related environmental services trade. These members represent over 90% of world services and have committed to the domestic regulation disciplines in trade in services that increase transparency, predictability and efficiency of authorization procedures for service providers.

Over 110 WTO members participating in the Joint Initiative on Investment Facilitation for Development are working to improve the investment climate. This initiative will make it easier for investors in all sectors, including water management and sanitation related sectors, to invest, conduct business and expand their operations.

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