









TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: Choose an item.

Partners: ICC, ITC, UNCTAD and WTO

Type: Leaders conversation

Date and time: 1 December 2023, 17:00 - 18:00

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Session Title

(Maximum 10 words)

Trade House Pavilion Opening:
Global Leaders Join Forces on Trade and Climate Change

Themes Type:

(Please choose from the dropdown menu below)

1. Making trade policy work for people and the planet

Session Description

(Max. 150 words with session's purpose, main topics connected to the relevant theme, and expected outcomes)

Sustainable development is at the heart of the multilateral trading system, with trade playing a vital role in the global response to the climate crisis. The international trade and business institutions, ICC, ITC, UNCTAD, and the WTO, have joined forces to build the Trade House Pavilion to spotlight how trade can contribute to climate action and a just transition and to support collective action throughout the COP duration alongside the first-ever Trade Day happening at a COP. This session will serve as the Pavilion's opening with the heads of the four international organizations coming together with the UAE COP28 Presidency leadership to speak on the importance of trade being part of the Presidency Program and the UNFCCC Pavilion spaces. It will also kick off a two-week program of leaders' dialogues, stakeholders' conversations, and launch events on trade and climate aligned with the official COP28 Presidency Programme thematic days.

Speakers and Moderator

(Maximum 5 as recommended)

Moderator:

• Rachel Kyte, Dean Emerita, Professor of Practice at The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Opening Remarks:

H.E. Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates

Speakers:

- Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, WTO
- Dr Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Ms Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, ITC
- Mr John W.H. Denton, Secretary-General, ICC