TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: UNCTAD

Partners: (please indicate a partner(s) organization that will be co-organizing the session)

Type: Leaders conversation

Date and time: Saturday 2 December 2023, 12:00-13:00 hrs.

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Session Title
(Maximum 10 words)

A Positive Agenda for Trade, Climate and Development Goals

Themes Type:
(Please choose from the dropdown menu below)

1. Making trade policy work for climate and the planet

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

A new and growing raft of trade initiatives signals increasing interest in integrating climate considerations into trade policy. However, while this indicates heightened climate ambition, there is a risk that other long-standing challenges facing developing countries are deprioritized. Without an approach that can also address development goals, climate and trade initiatives will remain at best superficial and at worst could enable a new climate protectionism and growing inequalities between developed and developing countries. Instead, a successful approach will need to marry climate, development and trade goals, building trust and cooperation in the process. What are the development considerations of nascent efforts on trade and climate? What are the risks of ignoring development priorities in building cooperation around trade and climate? What are the key principles for a more development-centred agenda?

Join us for this event where we will explore the foundations of a pro-development agenda for trade and climate.

Speakers and Moderator
(Maximum 5 as recommended)

Moderator: Richard Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD - confirmed
Panelists:
Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, TESS Forum - confirmed
Brazil representative - TBC
South Africa representative - TBC
Vicente Paolo Yu, Third World Network - TBC