

TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: WTO
Partners:
Type: Leaders conversation
Date and time: 2 December 2023, 13:30 – 14:30
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Session Title (Maximum 10 words)
WTO Secretariat Signature event - Trade Policy Tools for Climate Action
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)
<p>At COP28, at the margins of the World Leaders Action Summit, the WTO's Director General, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, will issue a "Call to Action" to world leaders to elevate the role and importance of trade (and trade policies) for climate action. Leaders from around the world and heads of international organizations will join this discussion.</p> <p>A flagship publication from the WTO Secretariat entitled "Trade Policy Tools for Climate Action" will be released on December 2nd and further discussed and unpacked the COP28 Presidency's Trade Day on 4 December. The publication aims to inform UNFCCC Parties of the diversity of available trade policy tools that governments can adopt to ensure a just and ambitious global response to climate change.</p> <p>The event will allow leaders to share their experiences and knowledge about tackling climate through trade and trade policy. It aims to inspire policymakers, international financial institutions, and businesses to consider how such trade measures could be integrated into national policies and accelerate the just transition to a climate-friendly global economy. It will also feature concrete trade policy actions and initiatives that can foster sustainable practices and contribute to international efforts in combating climate change. Some WTO Members are already adopting some of these measures.</p>
Speakers and Moderator (Maximum 5 as recommended)
<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Francine Lacqua, Journalist, Bloomberg TV <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization H.E. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados Mr. Ajay Banga, President of the World Bank Group Mr Mark Carney, U.N. Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance H.E. Catherine Colonna, Foreign Minister and Minister for Europe, France Mr. Xie Zhenhua, China's Special Climate Envoy