









TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: WTO

Partners: ODI and Enhanced Integrated Framework

Type: Leaders conversation

Date and time: 3 December 2023; 15:00 - 16:00

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Session Title

(Maximum 10 words)

Enabling a "Green Seize" of New Trade Opportunities for LDCs: Learning from the Covid-19 response to address the climate emergency

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)

The Least Developed Countries (LDCs) account for less than 1% of global exports but almost 15% of global population. The Sustainable Development Goals included a goal to double their share in world exports by 2020, but this target was not met. Given the urgent need to confront the climate emergency between now and 2030, a number of new green trade measures will shape low-carbon global supply chains; resilience building within supply chains is also determining new trade opportunities. There are many lessons that can be drawn from the Covid-19 experience to ensure gainful LDC participation within green resilient supply chains – this includes ensuring open markets, facilitating technology transfers, and supporting engagement with the private sector. This session will therefore focus on the role of the multilateral trading system in supporting LDCs to engage with the new trade opportunities arising from shift to low carbon supply chains - shifting the dynamics away from a potential "green squeeze" to a "green seize" of new market opportunities for LDCs.

Speakers and Moderator

(Maximum 5 as recommended)

Opening remarks

Mr Jean-Marie Paugam, Deputy Director-General, WTO

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Mr Tom Mitchell, CEO, IIED

- Minister Ville Tavio, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland
- H.E. Rabab Fatima, High Representative Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Hon. Rohey John Manjang. Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources, The Gambia
- Dr Jodie Keane, Senior Research Fellow, ODI