

TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: WTO
Partners:
Type: Leaders conversation
Date and time: 4 December, 10:30 – 11:30 hrs
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Session Title (Maximum 10 words)

Decarbonizing Shipping and Logistics: What role for Trade Policy?

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

3. Advancing breakthrough technologies through trade

Session Description

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

Decarbonizing shipping and logistics has become a global imperative and a priority for governments and companies as the backbone for international trade. The shipping and logistics sectors are not only sectors that must decarbonize but are also enablers of global decarbonization in using and transporting low-carbon fuels. The WTO and international partners have a vital role in this effort. The WTO Secretariat's 10 Trade Policy Tools for Climate Action launched at COP28 highlights trade policy tools governments and businesses can use to support and facilitate the decarbonization of these sectors. This session brings together the WTO's Director General, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala with leaders from the public and private sector for a conversation on accelerating the use of these tools to scale up solutions in alternative fuels and digitalization and technology to create regulatory incentives, drive investments, meet market and consumer demand, and promote technology alignments in shipping and logistics.

Speakers and Moderator (Maximum 5 as recommended)

Moderator:

- Mr Jim Tankersley, Economics Reporter, the New York Times

Speakers:

- Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General, WTO
- Mr. Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, CEO, DP World
- Ms. Johannah Christensen, Global Maritime Forum, CEO
- Mr. Bruce Doulgas, CEO Global Renewable Alliance
- Ms. Rabab Boulous, CIO, Maersk