

TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: UNCTAD
Partners:
Type: Stakeholders' dialogue
Date and time: Wednesday 6 December 2023, 10:30-11:30 hrs
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Session Title (Maximum 10 words)
Harnessing services trade for energy transition
Themes Type: (Please choose from the dropdown menu below)
2. Using trade for an inclusive and low carbon transition
Session Description (Max. 150 words with session's purpose, main topics connected to the relevant theme, and expected outcomes)
<p>Services are integral to all stages of energy transition projects on the ground, from engineering, legal, and financial services to construction, operation and maintenance, and recycling services. The availability of high quality, and cost-effective services is therefore a key determinant of the success of these projects. Consequently, it is critical to foster strong capabilities in domestic service suppliers. At the same time, not all countries could be proficient in all the required service sectors. They need to procure services from foreign suppliers, including those operating locally. Trade and investment policy regimes thus critically affect the outcomes of energy transition projects. This session will provide an opportunity for representatives from governments, regional organizations and the private sector to share insights and experiences in leveraging trade-in services to promote an inclusive low-carbon transition. The expected outcome is an overview of some of the critical elements in strengthening the domestic service sectors through trade.</p> <p>It will be guided by the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which services are critical for energy transition? What are some of the most pressing challenges faced by countries in supplying these services? 2. How can trade address these challenges? 3. What's the scope for regional and international cooperation? What are some of the innovative examples ?
Speakers and Moderator (Maximum 5 as recommended)
<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Miho Shirotori, Acting Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bernardo Busel Niedmann, Special Advisor, Centre for Global Cooperation, Danish Energy Agency, Denmark • Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa, South Africa • Ms. Nawal Yousif Alhanaee, Director, Future Energy Department, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates • Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization secretariat • Mr. Lucas Ferraz, Secretary International Affairs of the State of São Paulo, Brazil