**Session Title**

Unlocking inclusion on Nature and Bioeconomy - the role of trade

**Themes Type:**

6. Trade for sustainable agri-food systems and markets

**Session Description**

Around 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their livelihood, including some 70 million indigenous people. At the same time, the small business sector represents 90% of the world’s businesses and more than half of global employment.

Fostering sustainable business models of nature-based value chains is essential to delivering inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development, and to accelerating the green transition.

Particularly within developing economies and countries with significant biodiversity, the bioeconomy offers a path to better livelihoods, while preserving native flora and fauna.

The session will bring together parties, practitioners, international and regional agencies and SMEs to explore the role trade can play in fostering sustainable and inclusive bioeconomy value chains.

**Speakers and Moderator**

Panel:

- Ana Margarida Castro Euler, Business Executive Director, Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa – Agropecuária (EMBRAPA), Brazil
- Sofia Rubio, Chief Executive Officer, Shiwi, Peru
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