

TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: WTO
Partners: IRENA
Type: Launchpad (reports, initiatives, etc.)
Date and time: 9 December, 16:30-17:30 (GMT+4)
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Session Title (Maximum 10 words)

Launch of IRENA-WTO publication "International Trade and Green Hydrogen: Supporting the Global Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy"

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)

Green hydrogen and its derivatives are recognised as a key pillar in the energy transition to replace fossil fuels and help decarbonise sectors that cannot be feasibly electrified today. This session will officially launch the joint IRENA-WTO publication which explores the role of trade and trade policies in the development of green hydrogen markets. Speakers will discuss the pivotal role that trade policies can have in creating an enabling environment for the development of green hydrogen markets, as well as markets for derivatives, such as green methanol and green ammonia. Lowering tariffs on key products, building reliable infrastructure, realigning domestic support programmes and developing sustainable government procurement can foster green hydrogen supply chains. Speakers will also consider the role of trade policies in supporting opportunities for developing countries, and the importance of international cooperation and alignment of regulatory frameworks for technology development, transparency, and market growth.

Speakers and Moderator (Maximum 5 as recommended)

Opening remarks:

- **Ms. Gauri Singh**, Deputy Director-General, IRENA

Moderator:

- **Mr. Aik Hoe Lim**, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO

Speakers:

- **Mr. Ghassan Wakim**, Technical Director, Clean Air Task Force
- **Mr. Pradeep Tharakan**, Director, Energy Transition, Asian Development Bank
- **Mr. Michael Tsang**, Chief Carbon & Sustainability Officer, Avance