

TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: WTO
Partners: (please indicate a partner (s) organization that will be co-organizing the session)
Type: Stakeholders' dialogue
Date and time: 9 December 2023, 12:00 – 13:00
Contacts: Violeta Gonzalez and Daniel Ramos
Session Title (Maximum 10 words)
Restoring our Oceans: How WTO tackles harmful fisheries subsidies
Themes Type: (Please choose from the dropdown menu below)
7. Trade, oceans, and skies
Session Description (Max. 150 words with session's purpose, main topics connected to the relevant theme, and expected outcomes)
The landmark WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies was concluded at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference in June 2022 to eliminate some of the most harmful forms of fisheries subsidies: to illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; to fishing overfished stocks; and to fishing in the unregulated high seas. Implementing this Agreement will contribute to the sustainability of fish stocks and the millions of people who depend on them for livelihood and food security. This session will spotlight the WTO's efforts in ensuring ocean sustainability through the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, by raising awareness of the WTO achieving the important milestone of adopting this groundbreaking Agreement. The session will serve as a "Call to Action" to governments to ratify the Agreement as soon as possible, with a view to having it enter into force by the 13th WTO's Ministerial Conference to be held in Abu Dhabi in February 2024.
Speakers and Moderator (Maximum 5 as recommended)
<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the UAE • Manuel Barange, Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organization; • Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, Interim Co-President and Co-CEO, Vice-President, Global Strategies and Managing Director, Europe, International Institute for Sustainable Development; • Rashid Sumaila, Professor of Oceans and Fisheries Economics, the University of British Columbia.