

WTO INFORMAL DIALOGUE ON PLASTICS POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PLASTICS TRADE

Virtual - 11h15-12h45 CET

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This event is being organized in the context of "Trade and Environment Week 2020". It will be held on Zoom.

The aim of the Informal Dialogue is to encourage discussion and exploratory work on how the WTO could contribute to domestic, regional and global efforts to reduce plastics pollution and transition to more circular and environmentally sustainable plastics trade. This side event –the inaugural meeting of the Informal Dialogue – provides an opportunity, not only to launch the initiative, but also to invite all WTO Members to share their objectives and priorities, and to begin identifying priority of future work for the "Informal Dialogue", such as enhancing transparency and exploring how the WTO can work more coherently and cooperatively with other relevant international organizations intergovernmental processes to advance our shared sustainability goals.

Panel:

- **H.E. Dr. Xiangchen Zhang**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of China to the WTO
- **H.E. Mrs. Nazhat Shameem Khan**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the WTO
- **H.E. Mr. Chad Blackman**, Barbados Ambassador and CTE chair
- **Mr. Alan Wolff**, Deputy-Director General, WTO
- **Dr Steven Stone**, Chief of Resources and Markets Branch, UNEP (TBC)
- **Mr. Aik Hoe Lim**, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO
- **Dr Carolyn Deere Birkbeck**, Global Governance Centre, the Graduate Institute
- **Ms. Kimberley Botwright**, Community Lead, Global Trade and Investment, WEF

Moderator: H.E. Mrs. Nazhat Shameem Khan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the WTO

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