

WORKSHOP ON REDUCTION AND CIRCULARITY TO TACKLE PLASTIC POLLUTION

DRAFT AGENDA

WTO in collaboration with UNEP
27 April 2023
Hybrid event (zoom) and WTO Room S1 (Opening, closing and break-out Session 2)
and Room S3 (break-out session 1)
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

The workshop will be structured in three parts: i) opening segment; ii) two work-focused break-out sessions (2h15min divided into two parts each) covering specific topics; and iii) closing plenary where delegations and stakeholders will reconvene. Discussions in the break-out sessions will be facilitated and focus on the guiding questions to each topic (see annex). Delegations and invited stakeholders can choose their preferred break-out session and are asked to participate actively. They are also invited to send written submissions prior to the event to mdp@wto.org.

Delegations and invited stakeholders planning to attend the workshop virtually must [register via Zoom by clicking here](#).

10:00 am **Plenary** (Room S1 and Zoom):

Welcome remarks and scene-setting presentations

WTO Deputy Director General, Mr. Jean-Marie Paugam

Executive Secretary of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) Secretariat (UNEP), Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp

WTO - *Summary of contributions and discussions held at the Dialogue covering the Workshop topics*

UNEP - *Solutions to Plastic Pollution*

10:30 am – 12:45 pm - **Break-out sessions**

Session 1 (Room S3 and Zoom) Mod. by Ecuador (Daniela) – WTO Support	Session 2 (Room S1 and Zoom) Mod. by Australia (Rhys) – UNEP Support
10:35 a. Types of trade measures most often used and best practices Fire-starters [3 min each] IISD / OECD / TESS	10:35 a. Trade policies and practices requiring realignment with the objective of ending plastic pollution Fire-starters [3 min each] UNCTAD / World Bank
11:35 b. Unnecessary or harmful plastics and plastic products most targeted by trade policies, including single-use plastics and plastic packaging associated with international trade Fire-starters [3 min each] PEW / IUCN / TESS	11:35 b. Criteria used when prioritizing trade action on unnecessary or harmful plastics, plastic products and other goods. Fire-starters [3 min each] ISO / BRS Secretariat

12:45 pm 1:00 pm **Plenary** (Room S1 and Zoom):

Reports by facilitators, round of short reactions by the plenary and conclusion

ANNEX – Questions for written submissions by delegations and stakeholders

Break-out sessions will focus on the guiding questions below. Delegations and invited stakeholders are kindly invited to send written answers to these questions prior to the event to idp@wto.org.

1) Types of trade measures most often used and best practices

Q. What principles and criteria should be taken into account when identifying "best practices" in relation to Trade-related Plastic Measures (TrPMs) aimed at reduction to tackle plastic pollution, while bearing special attention to issues and challenges arising for developing members, including SIDS.

2) Trade policies and practices requiring realignment with the objective of ending plastic pollution.

Q. What are the trade policies, if any, that are misaligned with the objectives of ending plastic pollution to protect human health and the environment, through reduction?

3) Unnecessary or harmful plastics and plastic products most targeted by trade policies, including single-use plastics and plastic packaging associated with international trade

Q. What unnecessary or harmful plastics and plastic products, including single-use plastics and plastic packaging associated with international trade, are already being targeted by [your] trade policies and what are their identification codes under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) (even if those codes currently cover other products)?

4) Criteria used when prioritizing trade action on unnecessary or harmful plastics, plastic products and other goods.

Q. Please select from below (and assign a grade of 1 to 5 in order of importance, with 5 being of highest importance) the criteria used when prioritizing trade action on particularly unnecessary or harmful plastics and plastic products, including single-use plastics and plastic packaging associated with international trade.

	Order of importance (1 to 5)
relative importance in total plastics waste generation	
relative importance in leakage	
relative importance of material flows of plastics moved by trade	
Human health	
Environmental damage	
Risk of pollution	
Food security	
Costs of cleaning up and losses for tourism, fisheries and shipping	
potential to negatively impede circularity	
single vs multi-use goods	
Multi-material, multi-polymer structure	
substitutability for the same functionality and cost effectiveness (incl. in the health system)	
Negative impact in non-plastic materials' industries being substituted by plastics	
embedded and related (e.g. transport) GHG-emissions	
Technical and economic viability of recycling the product	
Other:	