



NATURE-POSITIVE TRADE: IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY

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The event will be held on YouTube only

Abstract:

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted in December 2022, provides a fresh reference point for (re)examining the relevance of trade policy to the global biodiversity agenda and exploring how implementation of the new agenda could support both sustainable trade and sustainable development.

In parallel, the increasing focus on environment and sustainable development in the context of trade, including at the WTO, presents an opportunity to discuss where trade policy could support delivery of the global biodiversity agenda.

Target 10 of the Global Biodiversity Framework calls for areas under agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry to be managed sustainably through the sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems. These approaches are also foreseen to support food security, improve resilience and long-term efficiency and productivity, and help to maintain ecosystem functions and services that are vital for wellbeing.

This webinar aims to identify some key trade-related policies and measures that could contribute to the uptake and mainstreaming of sustainable agriculture practices, supporting the delivery of Target 10 objectives for both biodiversity and people.

The webinar marks the launch of the "Nature-positive trade for sustainable development" webinar series (2023 – 2024) that is a cooperation between UKRI GCRF TRADE Hub, UNEP, WTO, CBD, UNCTAD / BioTrade Initiative and ITC.

Panel:

Speakers

Joy Kim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Acting Head, Economic and Trade Policy Unit, UNEP

Beatriz Fernandez, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP Environment and Trade

Monica Kobayashi, Programme Management Officer for Agricultural Biodiversity and Inland Waters, CBD Secretariat

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