

**AD HOC EXPERT MEETING ON
THE GREEN ECONOMY: TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS
An UNCTAD XIII pre-Conference event**

**8-10 November 2011
Room XXVI, Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland**

**UNCTAD in collaboration with
UN DESA and UNEP**

Objectives:

- Provide a substantive input to UNCTAD XIII and UNCSD 2012, with special focus on the trade, finance and technology aspects of the *green economy*
- Address concerns related to new forms of green protectionism and aid conditionality and identify key conditions for a *green economy* to become a vehicle for sustainable development
- Identify areas where international action could promote an inclusive, broad-based and fair transition towards a *green economy*
- Address the role of trade and trade policy in a *green economy* and discuss tools to map out a country's product space

Provisional Programme

Tuesday, 8 November

10:00 – 13:00 MOVING BEYOND THE GREEN ECONOMY DISCOURSE

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION

Necessary conditions for the *green economy* in the Rio+20 context

Welcome address

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Opening remarks and introduction

Mr. Guillermo Valles Galmés, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- Ms. Marianne Schaper, Rio+20 Secretariat, UN DESA
- H.E. Mr. Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Under-Secretary General of Environment, Energy, Science Technology, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil
- Mr. Harsha V. Singh, Deputy Director-General, WTO Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP *[by video link]*
- Mr. Simon Upton, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD
- Mr. José Luis Samaniego, Head, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, CEPAL

14:45 – 15:40 Development challenges of the *green economy*

Address by **Professor Jeffrey Sachs**
Director of the Earth Institute
[by video link starting promptly at 15:00]

Q&A

15:40 – 18:00 TRANSITION TO A *GREEN ECONOMY*

Managing the transition: Why and how? Country perspectives

Moderator: Mr. Guillermo Valles Galmés, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Andre Correa do Lago, Head of the Department for the Environment and Special Affairs, Brazil
- Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre
- Mr. Youba Sokona, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre
- Ms. Semida Silveira, Head of Division, Energy and Climate Studies, KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- Mr. Kees van der Ree, Head, Green Jobs Programme, International Labour Organization

Managing the transition at the national level

- Mapping a country's product space (Presentation by UNCTAD)

18:15 Reception hosted by UNCTAD
Venue: Bar Serpent, 1st Floor, Palais des Nations

Wednesday, 9 November

10:00 – 13:00 ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND TRANSFER

- Promoting the uptake of green technologies (cooperation on technology transfer)
- IPRs and the *green economy*

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Andre Correa do Lago, Head of the Department for the Environment and Special Affairs, Brazil

Speakers:

- Ms. Marianne Schaper, Rio+20 Secretariat, UN DESA
- Ms. Konji Sebati, Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, WIPO
- Mr. Ahmed Abdel Latif, Senior Program Manager, Innovation, Technology and Intellectual Property, ICTSD
- Mr. Luc Bas, Director of European Programmes, The Climate Group
- Mr. David Vivas Eugui, Partner, Anamika, Innovation Policy Advisors

14:45 – 15:20 The United Nations Global Sustainability Panel

Address by **Mr. Janos Pasztor**
Executive Secretary
Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP)
[by video link starting promptly at 15:00]

15:20 – 18:00 TRADE ISSUES IN THE GREEN ECONOMY

- New forms of green protectionism
- Global supply chains
- Trade and investment: the case of renewable energy

Moderator: Mr. Guillermo Valles Galmés, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- Ms. María Cristina Hernández, Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the WTO
- Ms. Li Lin Liew, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Singapore to the WTO
- Ms. Vesile Kulaçoğlu, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO
- Mr. Aaron Cosbey, Senior Climate Change and Trade Advisor, IISD
- Mr. Joost Pauwelyn, Co-Director, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Mr. Jens Martin Alsbirk, Manager Market Access, Vestas Wind Systems

Thursday, 10 November

10:00 – 13:00 FORMULATING UNCTAD'S MESSAGE TO RIO+20

- Enhancing policy coherence and cooperation on trade and *green economy* challenges
- Scope for technical assistance
- National *green economy* policy reviews and strategies

Moderator: Mr. Guillermo Valles Galmés, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Faizel A. K. Ismail, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the WTO
- Ms. Erika Dueñas, Vice Minister of Institutional Management, Plurinational State of Bolivia
- Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Coordinator for the UNCSD Rio+20 Conference
- Ms. Zhao Hong, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the WTO
- Mr. Branislav Gosovic, former Head of the Secretariat, South Centre
- Mr. Fulai Sheng, Green Economy Technical Manager, UNEP
- Mr. Daniel de la Torre Ugarte, Professor, University of Tennessee