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Trade issues in the UNFCCC framework

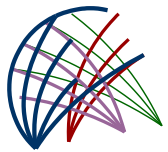


- Recent meetings at UNFCCC are discordant
- Lack legal binding force
- Few clauses pertaining to trade
- **UNFCCC does not provide enough legal provisions in regard to the link between climate change and trade**

No Cross-Regime Negotiations (Yet)



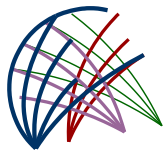
- However, in light of poor progress at UNFCCC (trade not included, major emitters still keeping out like USA, China, India.....
-**only realistic and stringent solution is within WTO. It is time to get the externalities factored into trade flows!!!**
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Solutions to fight climate warming within WTO rules and agreement



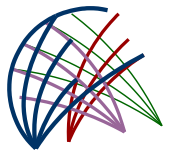
- **Green TRIMS+**
(to favour Low Carbon Investment)
- **Green TRIPS++**
(to provide compulsory licencing option for Green High Tech)
- **Green tri-sectoral Plurilateral+++** *(to negotiate cross-sector agreement consisting of concessions in Energy, Environment & Trade +Dev.)*



Green Trims+ (i)

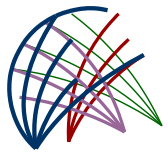


- **TRIMS+:** would allow developing countries time to *protect infant industry in the sector of carbon reduction technology and hence could make it easier for them to commit to CO2 reduction targets.*
- Need to bring back TRIMS to achieve reduction of climate warming, should be guided by UNCTAD–*suggested by R. Saner, soft version in WIR 2010*

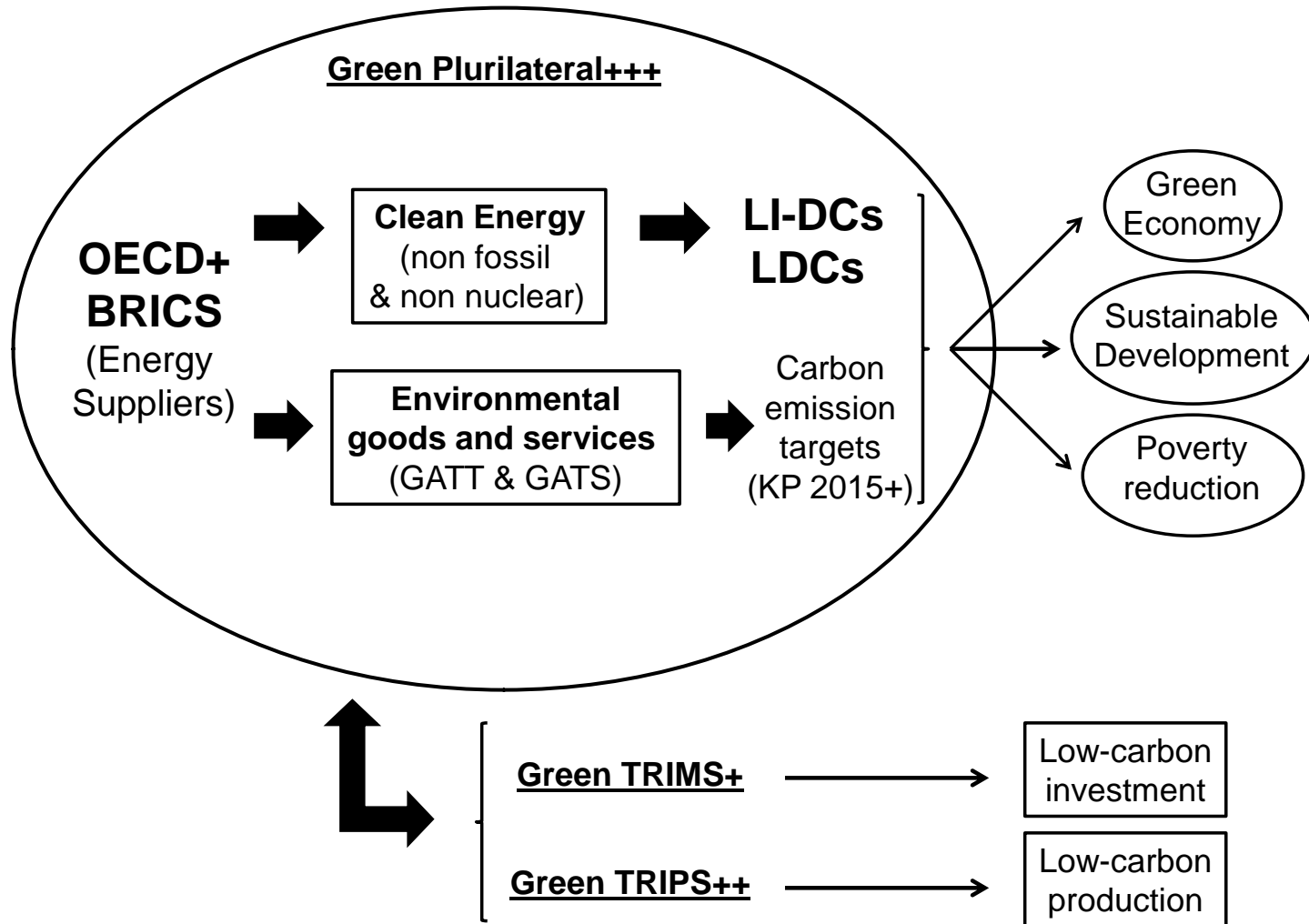


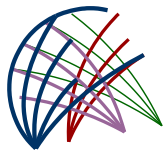
Green Trims+ (ii)

- A *green approach to TRIMS* could provide a framework to support the implementation at the national level of measures fostering low carbon investment (focusing on the measures listed in the Annex of the TRIMS Agreement, i.e. local content requirements)



Green TRIMS+, Green TRIPS++, Green Plurilateral+++ link to mitigation and adaptation funds UNFCCC

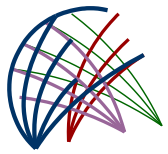




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