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IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT: UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES' DIALOGUE ON IMPACTS OF MITIGATION MEASURES AND LINKAGES WITH TRADE

UNFCCC side-event in cooperation with
UNCTAD, ITC, WTO, IFAD
13:15–14:45, 12 November 2016, Observer room 2

The Paris agreement paves a way for moving the global economy towards a low-carbon transition. In such a transformative process, self-determined and increasingly ambitious mitigation actions will have vast impacts on the global economy, both positive and negative.

Although the Paris Agreement itself does not include any trade-related provisions, trade does play a role when looking at the impact of implementation of mitigation actions. For example, subsidies for low-carbon technology may affect competitiveness, alter demand and supply, and ultimately impact trade. Trade also brings opportunities for and synergies with economic transformation as enhanced mitigation ambition by Parties will call for commensurate actions to promote economic diversification and to address the impacts on work forces in all countries, especially the developing ones. A good understanding of the impacts of mitigation measures, including its interaction with trade, will be crucial to ensure that climate action contributes to, rather than undermines, sustainable development and economic transformation.

The event is meant to provide a unique opportunity for related United Nations agencies to take a positive look on the role of international trade in helping all countries understand, consider and address the impact of implementation of mitigation actions.

Provisional Agenda

As at 1 Nov 2016

13:15–14:00 Panel Discussion moderated by **Fiona Harvey (The Guardian)**

Panellists

- **William Agyemang-Bonsu, UNFCCC:**
Brief on economic diversification and just transition of workforce
- **Lucas Assuncao or Bonapas Onguglo, UNCTAD:**
The Paris Agreement: making trade part of the solution
- **Anders Aeroe, ITC:**
Driving climate change mitigation through Aid for Trade
- **Aik Hoe Lim, WTO:**
Harnessing trade for clean energy technology dissemination
- **Margarita Astralaga, IFAD:**
Climate smart agriculture and food commodities: emerging mitigation advantages
- **Tomasz Chruszczow, SBI Chair:**

14:00–14:30 **Q&A and discussion**

- Interested Parties could be:
Panama, Singapore, South Africa, Brazil, China, EC, New Zealand, Morocco, Costa Rica, Mexico, Switzerland,
- Other international organizations:
IISD, Commonwealth Secretariat