



## High-impact trade initiatives for accelerating the SDGs

**8–9 May 2023**

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva and online

### PROGRAMME

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#### 8 May 2023

10 – 10.15 a.m.

#### Opening of the UN Trade Forum 2023

*Video message on the SDG Summit 2023*

**Mr. Guy Bernard Ryder**, Under-Secretary-General for Policy (Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

*Opening Remarks*

**Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

10.15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

#### SESSION 1

#### The South-South trade partnership for accelerating the SDGs achievement

Keynote

*Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP) among developing countries in accelerating SDGs in the current global context*

**Mr. Rubens Ricupero**, former UNCTAD Secretary-General (video)

Moderator

**Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas**, President of the GSTP Committee of Participants, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

**Ms. Miho Shirotori**, Acting Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

Commentators

**Mr. Máximo Torero**, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, tralac, and Member of the UN Committee for Development Policy

**Ms. Vahini Naidu**, Programme Coordinator, Trade for Development Programme, South Centre

**Mr. Craig VanGrasstek**, Trade Consultant and Adjunct Lecturer, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University



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**3 – 5 p.m.**

### **Session 2**

#### **Building a sustainable ocean economy for development**

##### **Launch of the *Trade and Environment Review 2023***

Keynote	<b>H.E. Mr. Francisco André</b> , Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal <b>H.E. Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC</b> , Secretary-General of the Commonwealth (video)
Speakers	<b>Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier</b> , Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch (TED), DITC, UNCTAD <b>Mr. David Vivas Eugui</b> , Chief of Section, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch (TED), DITC, UNCTAD <b>Mr. Audun Lem</b> , Deputy Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO (by video)
Commentators	<b>H.E. Mr. Jérôme Bonnafont</b> , Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva, and Co-convener to the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference <b>H.E. Mrs. Shara Duncan Villalobos</b> , Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of the Republic of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, and Co-convener to the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference <b>Mr. Awni Behnam</b> , Honorary President, International Ocean Institute
Moderator	<b>H.E. Mrs. Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady</b> , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



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### **SESSION 3**

#### **SDG 12 Sustainable consumption and production: the contribution of competition and consumer policies**

##### **Launch of UNCTAD report: *Competition, Consumer Protection and Sustainability 2023***

Speakers:

**Ms. Thezi R. Mabuza**, Deputy Commissioner, National Consumer Commission, South Africa

**Ms. Natalie Harsdorf-Borsch**, Director-General, Austrian Federal Competition Authority

**Ms. Ninette K. Mwarania**, Manager, Planning, Policy and Research, Competition Authority of Kenya

**Ms. Maria Charitou**, Head of Competition Advocacy Unit of Directorate-General for Competition of the Hellenic Competition Commission

**Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis**, Head, One Planet Network, UN Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), United Nations Environment Programme

**Ms. Carmen Ligia Valderrama**, Professor, Universidad del Externado, Colombia

Moderator:

**Ms. Teresa Moreira**, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch (CCPB), DITC, UNCTAD

**3 – 5 p.m.**

### **SESSION 4**

#### **Gender gaps and digital solutions**

##### **Launch of UNCTAD Policy Review: *E-commerce from a gender and development perspective***

Speakers:

**H.E. Mrs. Sofia Boza Martinez**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Chile to the World Trade Organization (WTO)

**Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, tralac

**Ms. Anita Gurumurthy**, Executive Director, IT for Change

**Mr. Christian Volpe Martincus**, Principal Economist, Integration and Trade Sector, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

**Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli**, Chief, Trade, Gender and Development Programme, DITC, UNCTAD

Moderator:

**Ms. Caitlin Kraft-Buchman**, CEO and Founder, Women at the Table