

## III INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SUSTAINABLE TRADE & STANDARDS

PULLMAN HOTEL, AEROCITY, NEW DELHI | NOVEMBER 2 - 3, 2023

### Agenda

Time (IST)	Day 1: Thursday, 2 November 2023
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening Plenary:</b> Sustainability Standards as a tool for advancing global sustainability goals <b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Chair, India PSS Platform; Former Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ralf Peters, Head of Trade Analysis, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</li> <li>Dr. Axel Marx, Deputy Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, Belgium</li> <li>Mr. Dinesh Chand Sharma, Director – Standardization, Policy and Regulation, (SESEI – Seconded European Standardization Expert in India)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30	Tea/Coffee break
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>Panel A:</b> Promoting sustainable trade in Global Value Chains for meeting the Due Diligence Regulations <b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Murali Kallummal, Professor at the Centre for WTO Studies (CRIT, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Archna Negi, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li> <li>Mr. Joseph Wozniak, Director, Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD) Programme, International Trade Centre (ITC)</li> <li>Mr. Pranav Kumar, Vice-President, International Trade Policy and Compliance, Reliance Industries Ltd</li> </ul>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Inaugural address</b> <b>Lighting of the lamp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcome Address:</b> Mr. Jaxay Shah, Chairman, QCI</li> <li><b>Keynote Address:</b> Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Chair, India PSS Platform; Former Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO)</li> <li><b>Guest Address:</b> Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, DSG, UNCTAD</li> <li><b>Special Address:</b> Shri Sunil Barthwal*, Commerce Secretary, MoCI India</li> <li><b>Vote of Thanks:</b> Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, Secretary General, QCI</li> </ul> <p><b>Ceremonies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Launch of UNIDO White Paper:</b> Sustainable Supply Chains: Solutions for step-by-step integration of industrializing countries into sustainable value chains. Dr. Virpi Stucki, Chief, Division of Fair Production, Sustainability Standards and Trade, UNIDO</li> <li><b>Benchmarking:</b> Issuance of 'Benchmarking Recognition letter from GLOBALG.A.P.' - Dr. Ignacio Antequera, Director Sales &amp; Stakeholder Relations, GLOBALG.A.P</li> <li><b>International Cooperation:</b> Declaration of Cooperation in Sustainability Standards Ecosystem with African Organisation for Standardisation Mr. Charles Gachahi, Eco Mark Africa, CACO and COCO Coordinator (ARSO)</li> </ul>
12:30 – 12:45	<p><b>Commemoration of 10 years of UNFSS and an ode to the next decade</b> Mr. Santiago Fernandez De Cordoba, Chief, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) VSS Program</p>
12:45 – 13:45	<p><b>Panel B:</b> Mainstreaming quality to ensure sustainable development: 'Leaving no one behind' through Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS)</p>



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	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dr. Virpi Stucki</a>, Chief, Division of Fair Production, Sustainability Standards and Trade, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ms. Florencia Sarmiento</a>, Policy Analyst, International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Sudhanshu</a>, Secretary, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), GoI</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. V. Manjunath</a>, Regional Standards Manager – South Asia &amp; Sub-Saharan Africa, UL Standards &amp; Engagement</li> </ul>	
13:45 – 14:45	Networking Lunch	
14:45 – 15:45	<p><b>Fireside Chat 1:</b> Strengthening global sustainability governance through Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) - Collaborative governance and financing mechanism</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dr. Axel Marx</a>, KU Leuven</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ms. Natasha Majumdar</a>, Network Representative, India, amfori</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Rijit Sengupta</a>, CEO, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dr Ramanand N Shukla</a>, Senior Director, ZED, Quality Council of India (QCI)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fireside Chat 2:</b> Sustainability map and auditors training programs in light of CS3D</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Joseph Wozniak</a>, Director, Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD) Programme, International Trade Centre (ITC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ms. Carole Hommey</a>, ICS General Manager</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Subburaj Palaniswamy</a>, India, Srilanka &amp; Malaysia Sustainability Manager, Compliance Department, Groupe Eram</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Alagesan Senniappan</a>, Sr.VP Quality Assurance, Eastman Exports</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:15	Tea/Coffee break	
16:15 – 16:45	<p><b>Panel C:</b> Government industry partnership and role of technology to mainstream sustainability.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Anupam Kaul</a>, Strategic Adviser (Quality and Standards)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Manoj Belgaonkar</a>, Head Regulations, Standards and Quality Management, Siemens Ltd.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mr. Vaibhav Goel</a>, Vice President, ONDC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hall Session 1: An Overview of UNIDO White Paper – ‘Sustainable Supply Chains: Solutions for step-by-step integration of industrializing countries into sustainable value chains’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dr. Virpi Stucki</a>, Chief, Division of Fair Production, Sustainability Standards and Trade, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ms. Elena Cooke</a>, Strategic Communications and Multimedia Expert, UNIDO</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dr. Manish Pande</a>, Director &amp; Head, PADD, QCI Q &amp; A Session</li> </ul>
16:45 – 17:00	<b>Closing of first day:</b> <a href="#">Dr. Ralf Peters</a> , Head of Trade Analysis, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD	
19:00 onwards	Cultural evening followed by dinner	





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Time (IST)	Day 2: Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023
8:30 – 9:15	Registration
9:15 – 10:00	<p><b>Panel D:</b> Role of UNFSS and National platforms in fostering sustainable development</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Rupal Verma, Consultant, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers from Country platforms/ initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brazil – Mr. Rogerio O Correa, INMETRO</li> <li>Africa – Mr. Charles Gachahi, Eco Mark Africa, CACO and COCO Coordinator (ARSO)</li> <li>India - Dr. Manish Pande, Director &amp; Head, PADD, QCI</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Panel E:</b> Emerging scenario in trade with respect to forestry sector</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Axel Marx, Deputy Director Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. A. M. Singh, Director General, Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests</li> <li>Shri Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, The Indian Handicraft Story, EPCH</li> <li>Dr. Aparna Dhawan, Senior Counsellor Quality, Metrology &amp; Standards, CII</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Panel F:</b> Ecolabelling and Sustainable Public Procurement</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Divya Datt, Programme Manager, India Office, UN Environment Programme</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Manisha Choudhary, Program Officer, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)</li> <li>Mr. K S Venkatagiri, Executive Director of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Chair, GreenPro India, board member of the Global Ecolabeling Network (GEN)</li> <li>Ms. Nidhi Gupta, Associate Director, Environmental Design Solutions Pvt. Ltd (EDS).</li> <li>Mr. Ganesh Kasekar, Representative in South Asia, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Panel G:</b> Creating measurable impact of climate finance initiatives – Monitoring and evaluation tools in practice.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Nirmita Talukdar, Regional Coordinator, Asia Pacific, UNEP Finance Initiative</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Neha Kumar, Head, South Asia Programme - Climate Bonds Initiative</li> <li>Ms. Suranjali Tandon, Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, NIPFP New Delhi</li> <li>Dr. Sekhar Babu Geddani, IFS., V.C. &amp; Managing Director APSSDC Ltd</li> <li>Mr. Jayakar Sodagiri, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management Studies</li> </ul>



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14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Panel H:</b> Industry Roundtable to transform ideas to actions: Embedding Quality and Scale</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Shikhar Jain, Principal Counsellor, CII-ITC</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Deputy Head and Senior Economic Affairs Officer United Nations ESCAP</li> <li>Ms Rinika Grover, Head Sustainability &amp; CSR, Apollo tyres</li> <li>Dr Muthukrishnan M, Airport Sector Head of Environment, Health, and Safety and Sustainability GMR Group</li> <li>Mr. Pranav Kumar, Vice-President, International Trade Policy and Compliance, Reliance Industries Ltd.</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee break
16:00 – 16:20	<p>Convention Briefing and Closing of ICSTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closing reflections</b> – Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Former Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO) Chair, India PSS Platform</li> <li><b>Way forward</b> – Dr. Ralf Peters, Head of Trade Analysis, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</li> </ul>
16:20 – 17:00	<p><b>Closing Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Valedictory Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri S. C. L Das*, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</li> <li>Shri Ajit B. Chavan, Additional CEO, GeM</li> </ul> <p><b>Vote of thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Manish Pande, Director &amp; Head, PADD, QCI</li> </ul>

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