

11th UNCTAD Trade Policy Dialogue

Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains

Friday, 9 February 2024, VIRTUAL, 8.30–10 a.m. (CET)

KEY ISSUES

Global supply chains are a critical component of the international trading system, and their effective functioning is essential for economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent multiple crises have underscored the need for a more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive system.

This session will provide updates on the interface between resilient supply chains and our current political and socio-economic challenges, including the Red Sea crisis, food security, inflation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, connectivity, digitalization, and the energy transition.

The session builds on UNCTAD's work to help keep trade, ports and borders open in times of supply chain crisis.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How do supply chain interruptions impact trade, prices, and economic development?
- What are major trends in global supply chains, and how can developing countries ensure they benefit from them?
- What could and should policymakers do to ensure sustainable and resilient supply chains?

PROGRAMME

8.30–8.35 a.m. Opening remarks

Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

8.35–8.55 a.m. Member States concerns in the area of sustainable resilient supply chains

Ms. Shani Griffith-Jack, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

Carlos Guevarra, Counselor, Mission of Ecuador to the WTO and Chair of the WTO Committee on Trade Facilitation

8.55–9.15 a.m. Presentation on recent trends in global supply chains

Jan Hoffmann, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

9.15–10 a.m. Q&A and discussion

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