



7th BioTrade Congress:
Global Governance for Trade and Biodiversity
25 and 26 March 2024, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (CET)
Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Provisional Programme

Monday, 25 March – Day 1

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and Opening of the Congress**

- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- H.E. Mr. Alue Dohong, Vice Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
- H. E. Mr. Gustavo Gallón, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Monica Rubiolo, Head, Trade Promotion, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Switzerland
- David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (video message)

Moderator: Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

10:30 – 11:45 **Plenary Panel: [Mainstreaming Biodiversity into World Trade Organization \(WTO\) Processes](#)**

Organized by the WTO Secretariat and UNCTAD

Roundtable discussions:

- H.E. Mr. José Valencia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the WTO and other economic international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO and other economic organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Nella Pepe Tavita-Levy, Permanent Representative and Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Samoa to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- Ludivine Tamiotti, Head, Environment Section, Trade and Environment Division, WTO

Interactive debate

Moderator: Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

11:45 – 13:00

Plenary Panel: Impacts of BioTrade Principles and Criteria

Organized by UNCTAD

- Moderator, Introduction to the topic

Roundtable discussions:

- Khorommbi Matibe, Chief Director, Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa (video message)
- Hoang Nhan, General Director Deputy, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Viet Nam
- Alejandro Bañol, Bioeconomy and Green Business Focal Point, Green Business Office, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS), Colombia
- Thomas Deleuil, Legal Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Anu Peltola, Director, Statistics Service, UNCTAD

Interactive debate

Moderator: Lorena Jaramillo, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:15

Plenary Panel: An Ocean of Opportunities: Building a Global Seaweed Value Chain

Organized by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Global Seaweed Coalition, Shridath Ramphal Centre of the University of West Indies, and UNCTAD

Keynote speaker: H. E. Mr. Colin Murdoch, Ambassador and Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the OECS to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

- Moderator: Launching of UNCTAD Oceans Economy programme publication “*An ocean of opportunities: the potential of seaweed to advance environmental and gender dimensions of the SDGs*”.

Panel discussion:

- Nichola J. Dyer, Senior Advisor, Global Seaweed Coalition
- Hoa Doan, Head of Impact and Sustainability, NotPla
- Jan Yves Remi, Director of the Shridath Ramphal Centre, University of West Indies (video)

Interactive debate

Video: *Promoting Blue BioTrade in the Eastern Caribbean*

Moderator: David Vivas Eugui, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

16:15 – 16:45

Toward Inter-regional Sustainable Trade in Biodiversity-Based Products in Africa: Views from H.E. Ambassador Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission

Moderator: David Vivas Eugui, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

16:45 – 18:00

Plenary Panel: Socio-bioeconomy and Trade: Contributions for a Just Transition

Organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC)

Keynote speaker: H.E. Mr. Alue Dohong, Vice Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia

Roundtable discussions:

- Ana Margarida Castro Euler, Business Executive Director, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)
- Christoph Ernst, Team Lead, Investments Sectoral Strategies and Transitions, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Joyce Brandão, Researcher, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Interactive debate

Moderator: Vanessa Erogbogbo, Chief, Green and Inclusive Value Chains section, ITC

18:00

Adjourn of Day One

18:30

Networking Cocktail

Tuesday, 26 March – Day 2

9:30 – 10:00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 11:15

Plenary Panel: Regional BioTrade Achievements and Way Forward

Organized by Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

- Jos van der Zanden, Program Manager and Market Systems Advisor, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
- Christiaan de Leeuw, Manager- Nedspice Farmers Partnership Programme-NFPP, Nedspice
- Lisa Huyen, CEO, Vinasamex (video message)

Panel discussion:

- Jane Carter, Senior Advisor, Natural Resource Governance, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
- Peter Schmidt, Senior Advisor, Agriculture and Food, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
- Hoang Nhan, General Director Deputy, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Viet Nam
- Patrick Sieber, Programme Manager, Trade Promotion, SECO

Interactive debate

Moderator: Marianne Kettunen, Consultant, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

11:15 – 11:30

Zooming-in on Africa's transition to a greener development: Views from H.E. Ambassador Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission

Moderator: Hartmut Meyer, Advisor, ABS Capacity Development Initiative, GIZ GmbH

11:30 – 12:00

Special Announcements:

- *Launching of the UNCTAD-UNFSS publication “Voluntary Sustainability Standards and BioTrade: Is there a connection?”* - Santiago Fernandez de Cordoba, Trade Analysis Branch, DITC, UNCTAD and Rupal Verma, Sustainability Standards Expert (video message)
- *Launching of the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework-EU support project publication “Empowering change: Unleashing policy innovation towards global sustainable consumption”* - Maria Durleva, International Developments Lawyer/Trade and Biodiversity Expert (video) and Ana Cipriano, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

Moderator: Lorena Jaramillo, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

12:00 – 13:00

Plenary Panel: Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: Accelerating Business Contributions through Biodiversity-Based Supply Chains

Organized by the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT) and GIZ

- Moderator, Introduction to the topic

Panel discussion:

- Xinqing Lu, Lead, Champions for Nature, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Friedrich Zur Heide, BioInnovation Africa (BIA), GIZ GmbH
- Alejandro Bañol, Bioeconomy and Green Business Focal Point, Green Business Office, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS), Colombia

Interactive debate

Moderator: Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Executive Director, UEBT

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee available

15:00 – 16:15

Plenary Panel: Making it Real: Using Policy Instruments to Promote Biodiversity and Benefit Sharing

Organized by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative

- Hartmut Meyer, Advisor, ABS Capacity Development Initiative, GIZ GmbH
- Prudence Galega, African CBD Negotiator’s group spokesperson and coordinator
- Pierre du Plessis, Technical Advisor to the African Group of Negotiators on Biodiversity and the ABS Capacity Development Initiative

Interactive debate

Moderation: Lara Koritzke, Communications Director, UEBT

16:15 – 16:30

Special Announcements:

- *Launching of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/UNCTAD collaboration* - Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Biodiversity, Land and Governance Programme, UNEP
- *New Strategy for French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM)* - Nicolas Rossin, Head of Biodiversity projects, FFEM

Moderator: Lorena Jaramillo, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

16:30 – 17:30

Plenary Panel: Nature positive trade for sustainable development: unlocking trade-related opportunities to support food systems

Organized by TRADE Hub, UNEP, CBD, WTO, ITC and UNCTAD

- Jason Clay, Executive Director, Markets Institute, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) - United States of America
- Delphine Babin-Pellier, Senior Liaison Specialist Food Systems and Environment, FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Sandra Avérous, Economic Officer, Trade and Environment, WTO, on secondment from UNEP
- Ulla Kask, Counsellor, Agricultural and Commodities Division, WTO
- Beatriz Fernandez, Associate Programme Management Officer, Environment and Trade Hub, UNEP
- William Speller, Programme Management Officer, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), UNEP

Interactive debate

Moderator: Marianne Kettunen, Senior Policy Expert and Advisor, Trade, Development and the Environment Hub (TRADE Hub), led by the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) of the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)

17:30 – 17:45

Closing Remarks

Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

Lorena Jaramillo, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

17:45

Adjourn