

INC-5 pre-event on Plastic Pollution and Trade

Event Title: Trade implications of a new global plastics treaty

Date: 23 November 2024

Venue: Park Hyatt Hotel, Busan, South Korea

Time: 13h30 – 17h30, followed by a reception

Hosts: UN Trade and Development and World Economic Forum

Collaborators: TESS, PEW, and IISD

Context

Trade, while a significant contributor to plastic pollution, can be also wielded to bolster plastic action efforts across borders. Discussions on an international legally binding instrument (ILBI) to end plastic pollution are exploring the role of trade policy in a future global plastic treaty. Thanks to the Dialogue on Plastic Pollution (DPP), a plurilateral initiative under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO), countries are increasingly interested in the nexus between trade and plastic pollution reduction. This informal side event will gather negotiators, the private sector and civil society leaders to discuss specific trade policy opportunities in support of the ILBI.

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Agenda

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| 13h30 – 13h55 | Arrival and registration |
| 13h55 – 14h15 | Welcome, opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Clemence Schmid, Director, Global Plastic Action Partnership World Economic Forum</i>○ <i>David Vivas, Chief of Section a.i., Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development, UNCTAD</i> |
| 14h15 – 14h25 | Context setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Daniel Ramos, Legal Officer, WTO</i> |

- o *Ieva Barsauskaite, Lead, Trade and Green Transition, IISD*

14h25 – 15h05

Panel 1: Addressing “plastic products and chemicals of concern as used in plastic products” with trade tools, in support of an ILBI

Panellists – *Martin Jung (BASF), Kei Ohno Woodall (BRS Convention Secretariat), Emma Algotsson (COPCO), Nour Barnat and Petra Kynclova (UNCTAD)*

Moderator – *David Vivas, UNCTAD*

15h05 – 16h00

Breakout tables and report back

Table 1. Facilitator: Simon Ardilla, TESS

Table 2. Facilitator: Isabel Jarret, PEW

Table 3. Facilitator: Ieva Barsauskaite, IISD

Table 4. Facilitator: Daniel Ramos, WTO

Table 5. Facilitator: Shardul Agrawala, OECD

Questions (each discussion table choses the topic they wish to focus on):

- *How can an ILBI complement existing multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. BRS Conventions) in promoting responsible trade in plastics?*
- *What effective trade-related measures should be considered to support/complement key proposed obligations in the ILBI?*
- *How can an ILBI help support the responsible use of alternatives and non-plastic substitutes in world trade?*

16h00 – 16h15

Coffee break

16h15 – 17h05

Panel 2: Regional Cooperation and Trade in support of an ILBI

Panellists – *Jodie Roussel (Nestlé), Valentina Sierra (Uruguay), Carlotta Dal Lago (Africa Legal Network), Colm Jordan (Indorama), Alexey Kravchenko (UNESCAP)*

Moderator – *Jeet Kar, World Economic Forum*

17h05 – 17h15

Audience remarks, facilitated by *Henrique Pacini, UNCTAD*

17h15 – 17h30

Closing remarks

- o *Henrique Pacini, UNCTAD*
- o *Jeet Kar, WEF*

17h30 – 19h

Cocktail reception