CONCEPT NOTE

12 November 2026
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Side Event Room 9 – SAFRANBOLU, Antalya COP31 Venue, Türkiye

Trade, de-risking investment & partnerships for green industrialization & adaptation at scale

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UNFCCC COP31 Side Event

The event will explore policy and financing options that leverage trade, investment, and de-risk investment in climate mitigation and adaptation. Identifying feasible solutions alongside private sector and partners, is critical for strengthening the trade, investment, green industrialization, and climate action links.

Background

Trade and investment are key enablers of sustainable development. They further domestic and international resource mobilization and improve the accessibility of developing and least developed countries to climate-related goods, services, and technology. Together, they have the capacity to accelerate green industrialization and the implementation of climate plans.

However, investment in adaptation, including in sustainable infrastructure, continues to lag, making green industrialization more challenging. In particular, the lack of financing has left hard-to-abate sectors behind in green transformation. There is a pressing need to identify feasible solutions to unlock financing for market development and adaptation. Furthermore, the increasing adoption of trade-related climate measures has the potential to affect the competitiveness of developing countries and their access to international markets. This calls for policies that support inclusive economic transformation and sustainability.

The event will bring together policymakers, investors, SMEs, other stakeholders, and partners to showcase solutions that strengthen market access and sustainable production, integrate environmental impact assessment into trade agreements, mobilize investment in resilient infrastructure, and deliver adaptation at scale.

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Format

The session will be conducted in English and organized as a moderated panel discussion that prioritizes solutions and showcases country cases. A moderator will keep the discussion moving and energized.

The side event will be live on the COP31 digital platform. However, only registered conference participants will have access to it.

Please note that you must be duly registered as part of a delegation to participate in the side events. Only duly registered conference participants are permitted to access the conference venue.

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Master of Ceremonies	**Ms. Luz María de la Mora**, Director of International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD
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Panel Discussion

Moderator	**Ms. Kawtar Zerouiali**, Global Lead for Peace and Resilience Finance, UNCDF
Panellists	**Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu**, Senior Lecturer,

International and Comparative Environmental Law, University of the Philippines College of Law; Honorary Professorial Fellow, University of Warwick School of Law

Ms. Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, Research and Advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment, India

Mr. Simon Springett, UN Resident Coordinator in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean

Mr. Serkan Valandova, Secretary General, International Investors Association (YASED)

Mr. Armando Hernández, Sales & Growth Leader, Satellites on Fire

Interventions from the floor from partner organizations:

- **Mr. Hernan Manson,** Chief, Green and Inclusive Value Chains Section, ITC.
- **Ms. Nidhi Nagabhatla,** Senior Research Fellow and Cluster Coordinator for the Nature, Climate and Health programme, UNU-CRIS
- **Ms. Joycelean Makule**, Head of Operations at the CRDB Bank Foundation

Q&A

Closing Remarks

Ms. Luz María de la Mora, Director of International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD