## Agenda

**Time (IST)** | **Day 1: Thursday, 2 November 2023**
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8:30 – 9:00 | Registration

### Opening Plenary: Sustainability Standards as a tool for advancing global sustainability goals

**Moderator:**
- Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Chair, India PSS Platform; Former Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

**Speakers:**
- Dr. Ralf Peters, Head of Trade Analysis, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
- Dr. Axel Marx, Deputy Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, Belgium
- Mr. Dinesh Chand Sharma, Director – Standardization, Policy and Regulation, (SESEI – Seconded European Standardization Expert in India)

9:00 – 9:30 | Tea/Coffee break

### Panel A: Promoting sustainable trade in Global Value Chains for meeting the Due Diligence Regulations

**Moderator:**
- Prof. Murali Kallummal, Professor at the Centre for WTO Studies (CRIT, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade)

**Speakers:**
- Dr Archna Negi, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Mr. Joseph Wozniak, Director, Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD) Programme, International Trade Centre (ITC)
- Mr. Pranav Kumar, Vice-President, International Trade Policy and Compliance, Reliance Industries Ltd

10:00 – 10:30 | Tea/Coffee break

### Inaugural address

**Lighting of the lamp**
- **Welcome Address:** Mr. Jaxay Shah, Chairman, QCI
- **Keynote Address:** Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Chair, India PSS Platform; Former Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **Guest Address:** Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, DSG, UNCTAD
- **Special Address:** Shri Sunil Barthwal*, Commerce Secretary, MoCI India
- **Vote of Thanks:** Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, Secretary General, QCI

11:30 – 12:00 | Ceremonies

- **Launch of UNIDO White Paper:** 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
- **Benchmarking:** Issuance of ‘Benchmarking Recognition letter from GLOBALG.A.P.’ - Dr. Ignacio Antequera, Director Sales & Stakeholder Relations, GLOBALG.A.P
- **International Cooperation:** Declaration of Cooperation in Sustainability Standards Ecosystem with African Organisation for Standardisation for Standardisation Mr. Charles Gachahi, Eco Mark Africa, CACO and COCO Coordinator (ARSO)

12:30 – 12:45 | Commemoration of 10 years of UNFSS and an ode to the next decade

Mr. Santiago Fernandez De Cordoba, Chief, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) VSS Program

12:45 – 13:45 | Panel B: Mainstreaming quality to ensure sustainable development: ‘Leaving no one behind’ through Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS)
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Moderator: Dr. Axel Marx, KU Leuven  
Speakers:  
- Ms. Natasha Majumdar, Network Representative, India, amfori  
- Mr. Rijit Sengupta, CEO, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB)  
- Dr Ramanand N Shukla, Senior Director, ZED, Quality Council of India (QCI) |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Tea/Coffee break                                                                                |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | Panel C: Government industry partnership and role of technology to mainstream sustainability.  
Moderator: Mr. Anupam Kaul, Strategic Adviser (Quality and Standards)  
Speakers:  
- Mr. Manoj Belgaonkar, Head Regulations, Standards and Quality Management, Siemens Ltd.  
- Mr. Vaibhav Goel, Vice President, ONDC |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | Closing of first day: Dr. Ralf Peters, Head of Trade Analysis, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD |
| 19:00 onwards | Cultural evening followed by dinner                                                             |

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**Moderator:**  
- Dr. Virpi Stucki, Chief, Division of Fair Production, Sustainability Standards and Trade, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

**Speakers:**  
- Ms. Florencia Sarmiento, Policy Analyst, International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD)  
- Mr. Sudhanshu, Secretary, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), GoI  
- Mr. V. Manjunath, Regional Standards Manager – South Asia & Sub-Saharan Africa, UL Standards & Engagement

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**Fireside Chat 2:** Sustainability map and auditors training programs in light of CS3D  
Moderator: Mr. Joseph Wozniak, Director, Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD) Programme, International Trade Centre (ITC)  
Speakers:  
- Ms. Carole Hommey, ICS General Manager  
- Mr. Subburaj Palaniswamy, India, Srilanka & Malaysia Sustainability Manager, Compliance Department, Groupe Eram  
- Mr. Alagesan Senniappan, Sr.VP Quality Assurance, Eastman Exports

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**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’  
- Dr. Virpi Stucki, Chief, Division of Fair Production, Sustainability Standards and Trade, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
- Ms. Elena Cooke, Strategic Communications and Multimedia Expert, UNIDO  
- Dr. Manish Pande, Director & Head, PADD, QCI  
- Q & A Session
### Panel D: Role of UNFSS and National platforms in fostering sustainable development

**Moderator:**
- Ms. Rupal Verma, Consultant, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**Speakers from Country platforms/initiatives**
- Brazil – Mr. Rogerio O Correa, INMETRO
- Africa – Mr. Charles Gachahi, Eco Mark Africa, CACO and COCO Coordinator (ARSO)
- India - Dr. Manish Pande, Director & Head, PADD, QCI

### Panel E: Emerging scenario in trade with respect to forestry sector

**Moderator:**
- Dr. Axel Marx, Deputy Director Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven

**Speakers:**
- Mr. A. M. Singh, Director General, Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests
- Shri Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, The Indian Handicraft Story, EPCH
- Dr. Aparna Dhawan, Senior Counsellor Quality, Metrology & Standards, CII

### Panel F: Ecolabelling and Sustainable Public Procurement

**Moderator:**
- Ms. Divya Datt, Programme Manager, India Office, UN Environment Programme

**Speakers:**
- Ms. Manisha Choudhary, Program Officer, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- Mr. K S Venkatagiri, Executive Director of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Chair, GreenPro India, board member of the Global Ecolabeling Network (GEN)
- Ms. Nidhi Gupta, Associate Director, Environmental Design Solutions Pvt. Ltd (EDS)
- Mr. Ganesh Kasekar, Representative in South Asia, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)

### Panel G: Creating measurable impact of climate finance initiatives – Monitoring and evaluation tools in practice.

**Moderator:**
- Ms Nirnita Talukdar, Regional Coordinator, Asia Pacific, UNEP Finance Initiative

**Speakers:**
- Ms. Neha Kumar, Head, South Asia Programme · Climate Bonds Initiative
- Ms. Suranjali Tandon, Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, NIPFP New Delhi
- Dr. Sekhar Babu Geddam, IFS., V.C. & Managing Director APSSDC Ltd
- Mr. Jayakar Sodagiri, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management Studies
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**Moderator:**  
- Mr. Shikhar Jain, Principal Counsellor, CII-ITC  
**Speakers:**  
- Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Deputy Head and Senior Economic Affairs Officer United Nations ESCAP  
- Ms Rinika Grover, Head Sustainability & CSR, Apollo tyres  
- Dr Muthukrishnan M, Airport Sector Head of Environment, Health, and Safety and Sustainability GMR Group  
- Mr. Pranav Kumar, Vice-President, International Trade Policy and Compliance, Reliance Industries Ltd. |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Tea/Coffee break                                                      |
| 16:00 – 16:20 | Convention Briefing and Closing of ICSTS  
**Closing reflections** – Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Former Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO) Chair, India PSS Platform  
**Way forward** – Dr. Ralf Peters, Head of Trade Analysis, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD |
| 16:20 – 17:00 | Closing Plenary  
**Valedictory Speech**  
- Shri S. C. L Das*, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises  
- Shri Ajit B. Chavan, Additional CEO, GeM  
**Vote of thanks**  
- Dr. Manish Pande, Director & Head, PADD, QCI |

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