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PROGRAMME

6th BioTrade Congress: Trade and biodiversity for a positive future



9 December 2021, 12–3 p.m. (CET), Online

12–12.30 p.m. *Opening remarks:*

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Mr. Martin Peter, Deputy Head of Trade Promotion, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Switzerland

Mr. Markus Lehmann, Acting Director, Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

12.30–1.30 p.m. **High level panel:
Trade and nature's contribution to people**

Speakers: **Mr. José Luis Naula**, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition, Ecuador

Ms. Mohalgo Flora Mokgohloa, Deputy Director General of Biodiversity and Conservation, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa

Ms. Ivonne Higuero, Secretary-General, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Mr. Simon Zadek, Chair, Finance for Biodiversity Initiative, Senior Advisor, Task Force on Nature related Financial Disclosures

Moderator: **Ms. Nisha Pillai**, Journalist

Interactive discussions

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1.30–2.15 p.m. **Parallel session 1:
Unpicking the value chain: challenges and experiences in traceability**

Speakers: **Mr. Peter Schmidt**, Senior Adviser in Sustainable Agriculture and Value Chains, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
Mr. Harol Gutierrez, CITES Flora Specialist, Ministry of Environment, Peru
Mr. Michiel Hendriksz, Executive Director, FarmStrong Foundation and member of the Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa

Moderator: **Ms. Jane Carter**, Senior Advisor, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

**Parallel session 2:
Biodiversity and BioTrade: Evolving tools and approaches**

Speakers: **Mr. Rik Kutsch Lojenga**, Executive Director, Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)
Ms. Simona D'Amico, Monitoring and Evaluation and Biodiversity Expert, Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)
Ms. Annette Piperidis, Manager Sustainable Sourcing, Weleda
Mr. Gastón Vizcarra Kennedy, Co-Founder and President, Candela Peru

Moderator: **Ms. María Julia Oliva**, Deputy Director and Senior Coordinator for ABS and Policy, Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)

**Parallel session 3:
Oceans economy and Blue BioTrade**

Speakers: **H.E. Mr. Colin Murdoch**, Ambassador and Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States to the United Nations Office in Geneva
Ms. Claudia Contreras, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
Mr. Milton Haughton, Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM)
Ms. Ximena Velez, PhD, Managing Director of Peru programs, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Moderator: **Mr. René Gómez-García**, Senior Executive and Head of Green Business Unit, development bank of Latin America (CAF)

Parallel session 4: Circular bioeconomy

Speakers: **Mr. Kari Herlevi**, Project Director, Circular economy for biodiversity, The Finnish Innovation Fund SITRA

Ms. Apoorva Arya, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Circular Innovation Lab and former Ellen MacArthur Foundation India Coordinator

Ms. Marta Gomez San Juan, Lead Expert on Bioeconomy, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Moderator: **Mr. Henrique Pacini**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

Parallel session 5: BioTrade sustainability through standards and certification schemes

Speakers: **Mr. Khorommbi Matibe**, Chief Director: Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use

Ms. Lactitia Tshitwamolomoni, ABS Focal Point, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment, South Africa

Mr. Mathieu Lamolle, Senior Advisor, International Trade Centre

Ms. Emily King, Business Engagement Officer, Fairwild Foundation

Mr. Neil Crouch, South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa

Mr. Soundrapandi Jeyaram, National Biodiversity Authority, India

Mr. Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Capacity Development Initiative/BioInnovation Africa

Moderator: **Ms. Preshanthie Naicker**, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment, South Africa

2.15–2.45 p.m. Plenary and interactive discussions on the parallel sessions in the context of trade and nature's contribution to people

2.45–3 p.m. Closing remarks

Ms. Lorena Jaramillo, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD