



# International Convention on Sustainable Trade & Standards

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## Provisional Agenda

### 1. Opening of the Convention

- (a) Opening;
- (b) Special address;
- (c) Inaugural address.

### 2. Trade, Global Value Chains, and Standards as engines of sustainable development

- (a) Leveraging international trade with a view to further sustainable development;
- (b) Standards for sustainable value chains.

### 3. Transformations in sustainability standardization, including technology and digitalization

- (a) Innovative global value chains management at the grassroots.

### 4. Addressing challenges in standards, global value chains and sustainable development

- (a) Improving the uptake of sustainability standards to elevate smallholders, MSMEs and producers' capacity to enter the global value chains, by addressing challenges in multiplicity of standards and compliance costs;
- (b) Gender, trade and sustainable development;
- (c) Coherence and implementation of government policies, including sustainable public procurement;
- (d) Social accountability in global value chains.

### 5. Monitoring efficacy and impacts of sustainability standardization on GVCs and Sustainable Development Goals

- (a) Simplifying targets and indicators, and standardizing data to monitor the SDG impact of Global Value Chains;
- (b) Strengthening statistical capacities of actors measuring impact.

### 6. Strengthening multi-stakeholder frameworks for sustainable trade

- (a) Strengthening multi-stakeholder sectoral initiatives for GVCs;
- (b) Contextualising the existing multilateral frameworks' position in the sustainable trade and GVCs agenda;
- (c) Consolidating International Efforts for universally accepted framework for sustainability standardization.

### 7. Review and adoption of report of the Convention.

### 8. Closing of the Convention.

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