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10:00 to 18:00 (CET), 25 and 26 March 2024

Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

The 7th BioTrade Congress is organized as part of
the Global BioTrade Program **Linking trade, biodiversity and
sustainable development** with the financial support of the Swiss
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Provisional Program

Day 1 Monday 25 March | Morning sessions

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:30 [Welcome and Opening of the Congress](#)

- **Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- **H. E. Mr. Alue Dohong**, Vice Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
- **H. E. Mr. Gustavo Gallón**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Monica Rubiolo**, Head, Trade Promotion, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Switzerland
- **David Cooper**, Acting Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (video)

Moderator: Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

10:30 – 11:45 **Plenary panel**

[Mainstreaming Biodiversity into World Trade Organization \(WTO\) Processes](#)

Organized by the WTO Secretariat and UNCTAD

Roundtable discussions

- **H. E. Mr. José Valencia**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the WTO and other economic international organizations in Geneva
- **H. E. Mr. Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO and other economic organizations in Geneva
- **H. E. Ms. Nella Pepe Tavita-Levy**, Permanent Representative and Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Samoa to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva
- **Ludivine Tamiotti**, Head of Environmental Section, WTO Secretariat
- Other Permanent Missions based in Geneva (TBC)

Interactive debate

Moderator: Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

Day 1 Monday 25 March | Morning sessions

11:45 – 13:00 **Plenary panel**

Impacts of BioTrade Principles and Criteria

Organized by UNCTAD

Moderator, Introduction to the topic

Roundtable discussions

- **Khorommbi Matibe**, Chief Director, Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa (video)
- **Hoang Nhan**, General Director Deputy, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Viet Nam
- **Alejandro Bañol**, Bioeconomy and Green Business Focal Point, Green Business Office, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS), Colombia
- **Thomas Deleuil**, Legal Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- **Anu Peltola**, Director, Statistics Service, UNCTAD

Interactive debate

Moderator: Lorena Jaramillo, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

Day 1 Monday 25 March | Afternoon sessions

15:00 – 16:15 **Plenary panel**

An Ocean of Opportunities: Building a Global Seaweed Value Chain

Organized by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Global Seaweed Coalition, Shridath Ramphal Centre of the University of West Indies, and UNCTAD

Keynote speaker: H. E. Mr. Colin Murdoch, Ambassador and Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the OECS to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Moderator: Launching of UNCTAD Oceans Economy programme publication 'An ocean of opportunities: the potential of seaweed to advance environmental and gender dimensions of the SDGs'

- **Nichola J. Dyer**, Senior Advisor, Global Seaweed Coalition
- **Hoa Doan**, Head of Impact and Sustainability, NotPla
- **Jan Yves Remi**, Director of the Shridath Ramphal Centre, University of West Indies (video)

Interactive debate

Moderator: David Vivas Eugui, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

16:15 – 16:45 Coffee and networking

16:45 – 18:00 **Plenary panel**

Socio-bioeconomy and Trade: Contributions for a Just Transition

Organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC)

Keynote speaker: H. E. Mr. Alue Dohong, Vice Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia

- **Ana Margarida Castro Euler**, Business Executive Director, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)
- **Christoph Ernst**, Team Lead, Investments Sectoral Strategies and Transitions, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- **Joyce Brandão**, Researcher, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Interactive debate

Moderator: Vanessa Erogbogbo, Chief, Green and Inclusive Value Chains section, ITC

18:00 Adjourn Day 1

18:30 Networking and cocktails

Provisional Program

Day 2 Tuesday 26 March | Morning sessions

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 11:15 **Plenary panel**

Regional BioTrade Achievements and Way Forward

Organized by Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

- **Jos van der Zanden**, Program Manager and Market Systems Advisor, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
- **Christiaan de Leeuw**, Manager, Nedspice Farmers Partnership Program-NFPP, Nedspice
- **Lisa Huyen**, CEO, Vinasamex (video)

Panel discussion

- **Jane Carter**, Senior Advisor, Natural Resource Governance, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
- **Peter Schmidt**, Senior Advisor, Agriculture and Food, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
- **Hoang Nhan**, General Director Deputy, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Viet Nam
- **Patrick Sieber**, Program Manager, Trade Promotion, SECO

Interactive debate

Moderator: Marianne Kettunen, Consultant, UNCTAD

11:15 – 11:30 **Zooming-in on Africa's transition to a greener development**

Views from **H. E. Ambassador Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko**,
Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission

11:30 – 12:00 **Special announcements**

Launching of the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework-EU support project publication 'Empowering change: Unleashing policy innovation towards global sustainable consumption'

Maria Durleva, International Developments Lawyer/Trade and Biodiversity Expert (video) and **Ana Cipriano**, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

Launching of the UNCTAD-UNFSS publication
'Voluntary Sustainability Standards and BioTrade:
Is there a connection?'

Rupal Verma, Sustainability Standards Expert

Day 2 Tuesday 26 March | Afternoon sessions

12:00 – 13:00 **Plenary panel**

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: Accelerating Business Contributions through Biodiversity-Based Supply Chains

Organized by the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT) and GIZ

Moderator, Introduction to the topic

Panel discussion

- **Xinqing Lu**, Lead, Champions for Nature, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- **Friedrich Zur Heide**, BioInnovation Africa (BIA), GIZ GmbH
- **Alejandro Bañol**, Bioeconomy and Green Business Focal Point, Green Business Office, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS), Colombia

Interactive debate

Moderator: Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Executive Director, UEBT

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee available outside Room XVII

15:00 – 16:15 **Plenary panel**

Making it Real: Using Policy Instruments to Promote Biodiversity and Benefit Sharing

Organized by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative

- **Hartmut Meyer**, Advisor, ABS Capacity Development Initiative, GIZ GmbH
- **Prudence Galega**, African CBD Negotiator's group spokesperson and coordinator
- **Pierre du Plessis**, Technical Advisor to the African Group of Negotiators on Biodiversity and the ABS Capacity Development Initiative

Interactive debate

Moderator: Lara Koritzke, Communications Director, UEBT

Day 2 Tuesday 26 March | Afternoon sessions

16:15 – 16:30 **Special announcements**

Launching of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)/
UNCTAD collaboration

Balakrishna Pisupati, Head of Biodiversity, Land and Governance Program, UNEP

New Strategy for French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM)

Nicolas Rossin, Head of Biodiversity projects, FFEM

16:30 – 17:30 **Plenary panel**

Nature positive trade for sustainable development:
unlocking trade-related opportunities to support food systems

Organized by TRADE Hub, UNEP, CBD, WTO, ITC and UNCTAD

- **Jason Clay**, Executive Director, Markets Institute, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) – United States of America
- **Delphine Babin-Pelliard**, Senior Liaison Specialist Food Systems and Environment, FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations Office in Geneva
- **Sandra Avérous**, Economic Officer, Trade and Environment, WTO, on secondment from UNEP
- **Ulla Kask**, Counsellor, Agricultural and Commodities Division, WTO
- **Beatriz Fernandez**, Associate Program Management Officer, Environment and Trade Hub, UNEP
- **William Speller**, Program Management Officer, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), UNEP

Interactive debate

Moderator: Marianne Kettunen, Senior Policy Expert and Advisor, Trade, Development and the Environment Hub (TRADE Hub), led by the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) of the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)

17:30 – 17:45 Closing remarks from UNCTAD

17:45 Adjourn