



**Online course**  
**Interplay between trade and sustainable development: Emerging issues**

DITC/MISC/2025/23  
(25/254gd)

9, 17 and 18 December 2025, 3–5.15 p.m. (CET)

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is pleased to inform the permanent missions of member States in Geneva that UNCTAD will organize an online training course titled “Interplay between trade and sustainable development: Emerging issues”.

The course is designed to deepen participants’ understanding of how recent and emerging multilateral trade and environmental agreements, negotiation developments and responses to the triple environmental crisis collectively present both challenges and opportunities, particularly for developing countries. This edition of the course will focus on the following:

**Session 1. Climate change and trade policy: Advancing nationally determined contributions and climate action**, 9 December 2025, 3–5.15 p.m.

**Session 2. Emerging ocean economy sectors and related governance**, 17 December 2025, 3–5.15 p.m.

**Session 3. Plastic treaty negotiations, relevant United Nations convention processes and scaling up circularity in plastics**, 18 December 2025, 3–5.15 p.m.

Through expert-led discussions and question-and-answer sessions, participants will enhance their capacity to integrate environmental priorities into trade measures and policies, while fostering low-carbon, sustainable and circular value chains that yield socioeconomic benefits. The course also covers how to successfully navigate the ratification and implementation of new multilateral agreements.

The course is designed for policymakers, trade negotiators, capital-based officials, academics and civil society actors engaged in international trade and sustainable development. The course is free of charge. Registration is mandatory; to reserve a place, please register at [Interplay between trade and sustainable development: Emerging issues](#). Participants who join at least two of the sessions will receive a certificate of participation.

More information is available at [Interplay between trade and sustainable development: Emerging issues](#).

Queries concerning the course should be addressed to Mr. David Vivas Eugui ([david.vivaseugui@un.org](mailto:david.vivaseugui@un.org)) or Mr. Ludovic Arnaud ([ludovic.arnaud@un.org](mailto:ludovic.arnaud@un.org)), Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities; or Ms. Regina Asariotis ([regina.asariotis@unctad.org](mailto:regina.asariotis@unctad.org)), Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics.

(signed)

Luz María de la Mora  
Director

Division on International Trade and Commodities  
1 December 2025

