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Affordable access to technologies vital to achieving climate goals

Organized by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the Forum on Trade, Environment, & the SDGs (TESS), the Youth Negotiators, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and UNCTAD.

Session Description

Green and sustainable trade and investment can be a powerful driver of economic growth. Technology transfer has been part of international treaties and UN outcome documents for decades, including in relation to climate mitigation and adaptation goals. Yet technologies that are vitally needed to accelerate climate action do not reach those who need them most, and a range of factors limit their uptake. Trade plays a key role as a transmission factor, enabling cheaper access to technologies for which domestic production might be too costly or too complex. Trade cooperation is vital to accelerate affordable access to technologies, but a broader focus will also be needed. This session aims to focus attention on the range of factors key to boosting access to affordable technologies, including the cost of capital, skills, regulatory environment, investment, trade policies, as well as the role that the private, public, and academic sectors can play in supporting win-win solutions such as co-development, production or partnerships on technology.

Key Takeaways / Learning Outcomes

How an ecosystem of actors needs to come together to ensure those that most need technologies and capacity building to implement climate solutions have affordable access to them, while ensuring co-benefits in regard to biodiversity and pollution priorities, and to the achievement of the SDGs.





Format

The session will be conducted in English and provide a platform for policy dialogue, allowing participants to share experiences, challenges, and priorities.

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Programme

Welcome and introduction

- Ms Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, UNCTAD

Opening remarks

- Ms Luz Maria de La Mora, Director, International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Panel discussion

- Ms Ieva Baršauskaitė, Lead, Trade and the Green Transition, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- Ms Kudzai Sharon Kandemiri, Youth Negotiators, Zimbabwe
- Mr Abdourahamane Diallo, UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Congo
- Ms. Noelia Garcia Nebra, Head of Sustainability and Partnerships
- Ms Ketakandriana Rafitoson, Executive Director, PWYP / Vice-Chair, Transparency International and Resource Justice

Interactive discussion