



# Emerging issues at the interplay between trade and sustainable development



## Programme

9, 17, 18 December 2025, 3–5:15 p.m. (CET)  
Online, e-Training

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### Tuesday, 9 December 2025

3–3:15 p.m.

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier**, Head, Trade, Environment & Climate Change, UNCTAD

3:15–5:15 p.m.

#### Session 1

*Integrating trade into NDCs to advance climate and sustainable development goals*

#### Moderator:

**Mr. Malick Kane**, Sustainable trade and technical cooperation expert, UNCTAD

This session will cover the following topics:

1. Updates from COP 30  
**Ms. Claudia Contreras**, Economic Affairs Officer UNCTAD
2. Green Industrial Policy and Low Carbon Economic Diversification  
**Mr. Olayinka Lawal Bandele**, Chief of Section & Senior Economist,

Inclusive Industrialization, ECA Subregional Office for Southern Africa

3. NTMs and Climate Change  
**Mr. Chrisitan Knebel**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
4. The potential decarbonization of the textile industry through circularity: the Bangladesh case  
**Mr. Atiq Zaman**, Curtin University and Global South Nexus
5. Green value chain development and climate action  
**Mr. Frederic Perron Welch**, Trade and Environment Policy Expert, UN ECA
6. Trade in Services and NDC implementation  
**Ms. Dong Wu**, Chief, Services Trade and Development, UNCTAD (tbc)
7. Climate-resilient transport infrastructure for sustainable trade and development  
**Ms. Regina Asariotis**, Chief a.i., Trade Logistics Branch; Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, UNCTAD
8. MSMEs' contribution to climate action,  
**Mr. Lorenzo Formenti**, Sustainable Trade Expert, ITC
9. Investment policies to advance national climate plans,  
**Ms. Amelia Santos Paulino**, Chief, Investment Research Section, UNCTAD
10. Ensuring a just transition  
**Ms. Manal Shehabi**, Senior Research Fellow, Oxford's Institute for New Economic Thinking at the Oxford Martin School, Seminar Leader for Economics at Blavatnik School of Government, the University of Oxford

Q&A

### Wednesday, 17 December 2025

3–5:15 p.m.

#### Session 2

Emerging ocean economic sectors and related governance

Moderator:

**Ms. Regina Asariotis**, Chief a.i., Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

This session will cover the following topics:

#### 1. WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies:

a) Main obligations under the Agreement and outstanding negotiations on subsidies that contribute to overfishing and overcapacity

**Mr. Khusrav Rasulov**, Fisheries Subsidies Officer, WTO

b) Sustainable Development implementation challenges and opportunities, including on small scale fisheries and coastal communities

**Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Chief a.i. Ocean and Circular Economy Unit, UNCTAD

c) UNCTAD's Ocean goods and services trade database as a source of country trade profile self-assessment

**Mr. Ludovic Arnaud**, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

d) The new FAO methodology on stocks measurement and management



**Mr. Rishi Sharma**, Senior Fishery Officer, FAO

e) OECD recommendations on eliminating Government support to IUU fishing and estimates on fisheries support data

**Ms. Lorena Rivera Orjuela**, Policy Analyst (OECD)

2. [United Nations Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction \(BBNJ\)](#):

a) Subject matter, objectives, scope and main obligations under the BBNJ Agreement / Preparatory COP Committee work and negotiation of modalities for its entry into force

**Ms. Charlotte Salpin**, Senior Legal Officer, UNDOALOS

b) Trade-related aspects of the UN BBNJ Agreement: provisions on marine genetic resources and access and benefit sharing (UNCTAD)

**Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Chief a.i. Ocean and Circular Economy Unit, UNCTAD

c) Implications of the BBNJ Agreement for commercial shipping

**Ms. Regina Asariotis**, Chief a.i., Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

**Ms. Argyro Kepesidi**, Associate Legal Officer, UNCTAD

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3–5:15 p.m.

[Session 3](#)

[Plastic treaty negotiations and BRS Conventions processes and scaling up circularity in plastics](#)

Moderator:

**Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Chief a.i. Ocean and Circular Economies Unit, UNCTAD

This session will cover the following topics:

1. Plastics, BRS Conventions and INC Process
  - a. Context setting

**Mr. Henrique Pacini**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD - SMEP Programme

- a. Panelists:

**Mr. Andrea Cararo**, Programme Management Officer, BRS Secretariat

**Ms. Helena Lindeman**, Environmental Lawyer and Policy Expert, FAO

**Mr. Manuel Brunner**, Minderoo Foundation (tbc)

**Mr. Atiq Zaman**, Global South Nexus & Curtin University, Australia

2. Non-plastic substitutes (including alternate fibre) and sectoral applications
  - a. Context setting:

**Ms. Petra Kynclova**, UNCTAD Stats

- b. Panelists:



**Ms. Heidi Cox**, Textiles specialist, South Africa  
**Mr. Ebenezer Laryea**, Freshppact Ghana  
**Ms. Emma Algottson**, Kompost-IT South Africa  
**Ms. Julia Reisser**, Co-Founder of Uluu, Australia  
**Mr. Brian Sagala**, Communications and Sustainability Consultant  
**Ms. James Boyd-Moss**, Mananasi Fibre, Kenya (tbc)

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5–5:15 p.m.

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