

➤ 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

Tuesday, 9 Dec 2025

3–3:15 p.m. **Welcome remarks**

3:15–5:15 p.m. **Session 1**

Climate Change, trade policy: advancing NDCs and climate action

This session will cover the following topics:

1. Harnessing trade measures to support the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and minimizing negative spill-over effect of trade-related climate measures
2. Green and blue value chain strategies and low-carbon development
3. Non-tariff measures' contribution to climate action
4. Sustainable finance tools to support low-carbon and climate-resilient trade
5. MSMEs, export, and climate action
6. Emerging trade issues in climate negotiations: UNFCCC COP 30 outcomes

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3–5:15 p.m. Session 2

Emerging ocean economic sectors and related governance

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
 - b. Sustainable Development implementation challenges and opportunities, including on small scale fisheries and coastal communities
 - c. UNCTAD's Ocean goods and services trade database as a source of country trade profile self-assessment
 - d. The new FAO methodology on stocks measurement and management
 - e. OECD recommendations on eliminating Government support to IUU fishing and estimates on fisheries support data
2. United Nations Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction:
 - a. Subject matter, objectives, scope and main obligations under the Agreement
 - b. Work undertaken by the Preparatory Committee and negotiation of modalities for its entry into force
 - c. Trade-related aspects of the UN BBNJ Agreement: provisions on marine genetic resources and access and benefit sharing
 - d. Implications of the BBNJ Agreement for shipping

Thursday, 18 Dec 2025

3–5 p.m. Session 3

Plastic treaty negotiations and BRS Conventions processes and scaling up circularity in plastics

This session will cover the following topics:

1. BRS conventions and plastics
 - a. Chemicals of concern
 - b. Rules for international trade in scrap plastics
2. INC process and WTO DPP

- a. The importance of synched national and trade action since most countries are importers
 - b. Trade and income opportunities arising from control measures in plastics (goods and services dimensions).
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- 3. Non-plastic substitutes and key applications (agriculture, fisheries, packaging)
 - a. Alternatives in fishing gear, seaweed farms, and coral restoration, including trade aspects.
 - b. Substitutes and alternatives in packaging
 - c. Substitutes and alternatives in agriculture applications (mulch, seedling pots)
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- 4. The special case of textiles and the importance of alternative fibres
 - a. Alternatives to synthetic fibers and their presence in world trade
 - b. Reducing the impact of synthetic fibers through international second-hand clothes markets

5–5:15 p.m. Online event evaluation

