GLOBAL SYSTEM OF TRADE PREFERENCES AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (GSTP)

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Committee of Participants
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Integrating Export-Oriented Bioproducts Value Chains:
Harnessing the GSTP Potential to Enhance South-South Trade in Bioeconomy Products

Special event 1 at GSTP COP 34

Organised by Brazil
11:00 - 12:00 pm. Room XI, Building A
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Background

Many GSTP countries have a comparative advantage in bioproducts. However, BioTrade expansion is constrained by fragmented definitions, inconsistent measurement frameworks, and, most critically, a lack of mature and transparent markets. GSTP provides various vehicles to enable further cooperation and integration of Southern markets, including tariff preferences, harmonization of non-tariff measures, direct purchases and sectoral agreements. The entry into force and implementation of the Sao Paulo Round commitments and future rounds of negotiations can be an enabler for further South-South trade in bioproducts for GSTP Participants.

The objective of this special event is to explore the potential of South-South trade in environmentally preferable goods and services of importance to developing countries, particularly in bioeconomy products. The session is expected to amplify the outreach of the Market Development Working Group of the Bioeconomy Challenge launched at the UNFCCC COP 30 under the Brazilian Presidency and make progress on the identification of most strategic value chains.

Tentative Programme

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

Keynote: H.E. Mr. Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and other economic organizations based in Geneva

Panelists

- **H.E. Mr. Mario Raúl Cano Ricciardi,** Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the World Trade Organization and other economic organizations based in Geneva.
- **Mr. Ludovic Arnaud,** Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- **Mr. Mark Halle,** Senior Adviser, Nature Finance