

TRADE, SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

10th Session

10–12 July 2023

Palais des Nations, Geneva

The role of trade and services for enhancing science, technology and innovation to promote a fair transition to sustainable energy

Hybrid meeting (online and Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 10 July 2023

11 – 11.30 a.m.

Opening plenary session

Item 1: Election of officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening statement

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Item 3: The role of trade and services for enhancing science, technology and innovation to promote a fair transition to sustainable energy.

Introduction

Ms. Miho Shirotori, Acting Director, Division of International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Monday, 10 July 2023 (continued)

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Item 3:** The role of trade and services for enhancing science, technology and innovation to promote a fair transition to sustainable energy.

Session 1: **The role of services in the transition to sustainable energy**

Ms. Kaymar Jordan, Managing Editor, Guardian Media, Trinidad and Tobago, **Moderator**

Ms. Elizabeth Press, Director, Planning and Programme Support, International Renewable Energy Agency

Mr. Jorge Arbache, Vice President of Private Sector, Development Bank of Latin America

Mr. George Riddell, Trade Strategy Director, Ernst & Young, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Issues for discussion

- How do services required for sustainable energy differ or are used differently from those for fossil fuels?
- What is the role of trade in providing the services required for sustainable energy?
- What is the role of policy to unleash the potential of trade in services for sustainable energy?

Interactive debate

3 – 4.30 p.m.

Item 3 continued

Session 2: **Sharing experiences with policymaking: Trade in services in support of energy transition**

Ms. Kaymar Jordan, Managing Editor, Guardian Media, Trinidad and Tobago, **Moderator**

Mr. Muhammad Neil El Himam, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia

Ms. Barbara Glowacka, Cabinet Member of Commissioner for Energy, European Commission

Mr. Joseph El Assad, Advisor, Energy Department, League of Arab States

Ms. Vashti G. Guyadeen, Chief Executive Officer, Coalition of Services Industries, Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. Jorge Vasconcelos, Chief Executive Officer, New Energy Solutions, Portugal

Mr. Siddharth Sareen, Professor in Energy and Environment, University of Stavanger, Norway

Issues for discussion

- What are the most relevant service sectors for energy transition in your country?
- What are the critical challenges in improving the performances of those service sectors?
- What policies (e.g., trade and STI) do you have in place to improve the performance of those sectors?

Interactive debate

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11.30 a.m.—1 p.m. **Item 3** continued

Session 3: **The role of trade in promoting innovation in service sectors for energy transition: case studies**

Ms. Ligia Zagato, Programme Officer, Climate Compatible Growth, Centre for Global Equality, and Researcher, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
Moderator

Ms. Rania Raafat, Energy Department, League of Arab States

Ms. Venus Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer, ChargeNet Stations, United States of America

Mr. Matteo Fiorini, Trade Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Issues for discussion

- What are the challenges in building innovative capacities in service sectors to promote energy transition?
- How can trade in services help developing countries tackle these challenges?
- What policy instruments or incentives are available to encourage investments and trade in service sectors to accelerate energy transition?

Interactive debate

3 – 4.30 p.m.

Item 3 continued

Session 4: **Sharing experiences from existing projects: The role of trade in promoting innovation in service sectors for energy transition**

Ms. Ligia Zagato, Programme Officer, Climate Compatible Growth, Centre for Global Equality, and Researcher, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
Moderator

Mr. Ezron Chirambo, Principal Trade Officer, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Malawi

Ms. Tatiana Rodriguez, Deputy Negotiator in Services and Investments, Nicaragua

Mr. Gaylor Montmasson-Clair, Senior Economist Sustainable Growth, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies, South Africa

Mr. Hani El Nokraschy, Nokraschy Engineering, Lecturer at master's course REMENA, Renewable Energy for Middle East and North Africa, Egypt

Ms. Marielle Feenstra, Senior Researcher, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

Issues for discussion

- Can you cite one or two renewable energy projects that have successfully enhanced innovation in relevant service sectors such as infrastructure, ICT, engineering, business, and financial services?
- Was trade a component of those projects?

Interactive debate

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

11.30 a.m.—1 p.m. **Item 3** continued

Session 5: **Promoting international cooperation to enhance trade in services for energy transition: Global Services Forum special session**

Mr. Patrik Ström, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden, **Moderator**

Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre, South Africa

Ms. Hildegunn Kyvik Nordas, Senior Associate, Council on Economic Policies, Switzerland

Mr. Víctor Hugo Ventura, Energy Consultant, Guatemala

Issues for discussion

- What are the examples of bilateral, regional or multilateral trade agreements or cooperation frameworks that your country is a part of to promote the transition to sustainable energy?
- To what extent do they take into account the concerns related to service sector development?

Interactive debate

3– 4.45 p.m.

Item 3 continued

Special session 6: **Follow up to the 9th MYEM on Trade, Services and Development: Data for services trade and development policies**

Briefing by the UNCTAD Secretariat on the status of the implementation of the working group:

Ms. Miho Shirotori, Acting Director, Division of International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Mr. Yutaro Sakata, Associate Expert, UNCTAD, **Moderator**

Mr. Ingo Borchert, Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Mr. Onno Hoffmeister, Chief, Statistics Production Unit, Statistics Service, UNCTAD

Ms. Gloria Pasadilla, Policy Consultant, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines

Mr. Anirudh Shingal, Associate Professor in Economics, S.P. Jain Institute of Management & Research, India

Mr. Patrik Ström, Director, European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden

Mr. Christian Volpe, Principal Economist, Integration and Trade Sector, Inter-American Development Bank

Issues for discussion

- What are the most pressing services-trade data gaps that country policy makers are facing? Why is data availability so limited?
- What are existing initiatives by international organizations or networks to support countries in filling these gaps?
- What are some of the innovative ways to use existing data to enhance policy?

4.45 – 5 p.m.

Closing plenary session

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting