

Global Supply Chain Forum

Transport, logistics, and trade facilitation for sustainable development

Programme summary as of 24 May 2024





	Day 1: Tuesday, 21 May
8:00-9:00	Registration
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9:00-10:00	Opening Ceremony
Plenary	Moderator: Belle Holder, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados
	Room: Frangipani
	H.E. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados: Opening Remarks
	H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations: Keynote Address
40.00	H.E. Rebeca Grynspan, UNCTAD Secretary-General: Feature Address
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee is available in Parallel with the High-level sessions. [Group photo with high-level speakers]
10:30-12:50	High-Level sessions: Setting the Scene – Global Supply Chain Challenges and Solutions
Plenary	Room: Frangipani (Davos style in clusters)
	Statement by Mr. Kerrie Symmonds, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados
	Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General of UNCTAD: Setting the scene
	Global perspective Moderator: Didier Trebucq, United Nations Resident Coordinator
	Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary General, International Maritime Organization (IMO)
	Mr. Gerd Müller, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
	Mr. Ricardo Treviño Chapa, Deputy Secretary General, World Customs Organization (WCO) Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary General & Executive Director, UN Global Compact
	Regional perspective
	Moderator: Jaime Granados, Chief, Trade and Investment Division, IDB
	Mr. Francisco A. Lima Mena, Secretario General, Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)
	Mr. Jeffrey Hall, CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO) Mr. Winston Moore, Vice Principal, University of West Indies (UNVI)
	Mr. Winston Moore, Vice Principal, University of West Indies (UWI)
	Finance and international cooperation Moderator: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
	Mr. Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, Regional Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Bank Group (WBG)
	Ms. Therese Turner Jones, Vice President (Operations) Ag Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
	Mr. Ren Hongbin, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)

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	Mr. Anton Edmunds, General Manager of the Caribbean Region, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)				
12:50- 14:30	Lunch				
14:30-16:00	High-level SIDS Ministerial Dialogue: Key Challenges and Opportunities				
Plenary	The objective of this High-Level Dialogue is to engage in a constructive and forward-looking dialogue to address the unique transport and logistics challenges faced by SIDS, fostering collaboration and formulating practical, actionable solutions to boost efficiency, sustainability, and resilience.				
	The session will endorse Ministerial Statement entitled "Enhancing Transport and Logistics in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)". The Statement will be presented at the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States, scheduled from 27 to 30 May 2024 in Antigua and Barbuda.				
	Moderator: Ambassador Matthew Wilson, Permanent Representative to United Nations, World Trade Organization and other international organizations in Geneva				
	Introductory remarks - Jeffrey Hall, CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO)				
	Mr. Kerrie Symmonds, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados Mr. Charles Cooper, Minister of Transport and Urban Planning, Curaçao Mr. Juan Edghill, Minister of Public Works, Guyana Mr. Antony Derjacques, Minister for Transport, Seychelles Mr. Hilton Kendall, Minister of Transportation, Communication and Information Technology, Marshall Islands Mr. Simon Kofe, Minister of Transport, Energy, Communication and Innovation, Tuvalu Mr. George Tavo, Deputy Secretary for the Ministry of Public Works, Meteorological Services & Transport, Fiji				
	Other representations				
	Ms. Sandra Casanova, Présidente de la Commission Stratégies Logistiques du territoire, Martinique				
	Reaction to the Ministers - Trisha Tannis, Barbados Private Sector Association				
	Coffee is available in Parallel with the High-level sessions				
16:00-17:45 Plenary	High-Level session: Building and Financing Resilient and Sustainable Global Supply chains and the Role of the Private Sector In this session, we will explore the private sector's and financing and academic institutions' perspectives in implementing innovative solutions for challenges in global supply chains. Initial remarks and announcement: Global Supply Chain Forum: A biennial event, Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, UNCTAD Secretary-General Supply chain solutions and public-private cooperation				
	Moderator: Mr. Leo Naut, Deputy Executive Director, Caribbean Export Development Agency Ms. Johannah Christensen, Chief Executive Officer, Global Maritime Forum (GMF) Mr. Patrick Antoine, Chief Executive Officer and Technical Director, CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO)				

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	Mr. Maximo Quibranza Mejia, President, World Maritime University Mr. Bud Darr, Executive Vice President, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, MSC Group Mr. Ramón Cruz, Special Advisor, SLOCAT
	Finance solutions Moderator: Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
	Ms. Alicia Taylor, IDB-Invest, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Ms. Lisa Harding, Head (Ag.), Private Sector Division, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Ms. Stacy Richards-Kennedy, Regional Manager for the Caribbean, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) Mr. Okechukwu Ihejirika, Ag. Chief Operating Officer, Caribbean Office at the African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank) Mr. Andrés Pizarro, Head of Transport Sector - South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Region (AIIB)
	Closing remarks: Mr. Avinash Persaud, Special Advisor on Climate Change to the President, IDB
18:00 – 19:30	Cocktail Reception, including Presentation of the Winners of the Supply Chain Innovation Challenge

9:00-10:00

Four Parallel Sessions Parallel Session A1:

Supply chains, The Geography of Trade and Maritime Logistics

Organizer: UNCTAD

Room: Frangipani

The geography of maritime transport and trade is shifting amid a fast-evolving global operating framework, growing disruptions, increased geopolitical risks, a heightened global environmental sustainability agenda and growing digitalization uptake.

Experts will discuss issues at the interface of maritime transport and trade as the two sectors navigate a changing landscape. Discussions will highlight related potential implications especially for developing countries such as SIDS and LDCs.

The aims is to identify action-oriented recommendations for how stakeholders and policy makers from transport and trade can better understand the emerging new normal, address the underlying challenges and leverage the associated opportunities.

Moderator

John Manners-Bell, Chief Executive
 Officer, Ti Insight and Foundation for
 Future Supply Chain

Speakers

 Olivia White, Senior partner and Director, McKinsey Global Institute, McKinsey and Company Parallel Session B1:

Empowering Small Island States in the Caribbean: Leveraging Pooled Procurement and Innovative Technologies for Supply Chain Resilience

Organizer: Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Room: Poinsettia

The session will highlight the significance of connectivity and economic interdependence in global supply chain management. It will spotlight procurement and supply chain challenges in Caribbean small island states, highlight successes with pooled procurement (PPS) and explore the role of technology and capacity building in effective supply chain management. The session will foster an interactive exchange between panellists and audience, showcase collaborative efforts and present innovative approaches to enhance supply chain resilience and competitiveness in the OECS region.

Moderator

 Sangeeta Khorana, Aston University, United Kingdom

Speakers

- Roselyn Opel, Head, Pooled Procurement Services (PPS) Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, St Lucia
- Douglas Fraser, Head of Procurement at Caribbean Development Bank, Barbados

Parallel Session C1:

Towards adaptable Single Windows for International Trade – A SIDS perspective

Organizer: UNCTAD

Room: Bougainvillea

This session brings together representatives from SIDS across the Pacific and Caribbean regions. Here, participants will examine country specific cases, sharing experiences, grappling with challenges, and showcasing best practices in the implementation of ASYCUDA. The workshop provides a platform for SIDS to learn from one another and gain valuable insights understanding how ASYCUDA can be tailored to suit their individual needs.

Moderator

 Patricia Francis, Chair Person, Trade Facilitation Task Force, Jamaica

Speakers

- Ryan Straughn, Barbados Minister of Finance
- Antony Derjacques, Seychelles Minister of Transport
- Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL, UNCTAD
- Owen Holder, Barbados Comptroller of Customs and Excise Department

Parallel Session D1:

Third Global Forum for National Trade Facilitation Committees.

Opening session: Setting the stage

Organizer: UNCTAD

Room: Marigold

Opening of the meeting by UNCTAD, followed by welcome remarks. Introduction of the agenda and the Keynote speakers for the next 2 days. Moderating of the Panels and a question-and-answer session.

Moderator

• Jan Hoffmann, Head, Trade Logistics Branch. DTL. UNCTAD

- Lisa Cummins, Minister of Energy and Business, Barbados
- Ricardo Treviño Chapa, WCO Deputy
 Secretary General
- Jose Raul Perales, Deputy Director GATF
- Alina Monica Antoci, Senior Private
 Sector Development Specialist, World
 Bank Group
- Victoria Tuomisto, Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC
- Poul Hansen, Chief Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD
- Mark Henderson, Grant manager, WTO-TFAF

	Day 2: Wednesday, 22 May			
	 Helio Vicente, Director of Employment Affairs, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) Safiya Reid, Officer-in-Charge and Adviser, Directorate for Transport, Trade and Sustainable Development, Association of Caribbean States (ACS) Diane Edwards, Director, Professional Services Unit, Mona School of Business and Management, Jamaica 	 Jean-Jacques Verdeaux, Procurement Manager, Latin America & Caribbean, World Bank Felix Ohnmacht, CCO and CoFounder, Axmed PBC 		
10:00- 11:00 Four Parallel Sessions	Parallel Session A2: Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Transition Organizer: UNCTAD and IMO in collaboration ICS Room: Frangipani The session will address the imperative to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in shipping and transition to sustainable energy sources. Shipping, responsible for over 80% of global trade, must align with GHG reduction targets set by the International Maritime Organization. Decarbonizing shipping poses challenges and opportunities, particularly for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which face increased maritime logistics costs. Participants will explore strategies to address SIDS' needs, mitigate energy transition costs, and promote the adoption of GHG reduction measures. The session aims to generate action-oriented	Parallel Session B2: Approaching Food Insecurity in Small Economies - Focus on Trade Policy & Facilitation Organizer: IDB Room: Poinsettia Trade policy and facilitation can enhance both national and global food security by ensuring the provision of affordable, nutrient-rich foods to small economies' households. This session will discuss how trade policy formulation and ambitious trade facilitation agendas can be active tools to meeting this goal. Moderator Jaime Granados, Chief, Trade and Investment Division, IDB Speakers Anton Edmunds, General Manager Caribbean Region, IDB	Parallel Session C2: Towards adaptable Single Windows for International Trade — A SIDS perspective (continued) Room: Bougainvillea Moderator Patricia Francis, Chairperson, Trade Facilitation Task Force, Jamaica Speakers Andre WILLIAMS, Chief Information Officer Jamaica Customs Agency (Jamaica) José Luis MARADIAGA, Deputy Director General (El Salvador) Stanley TRIEF, Vanuatu Electronic Single Window Özlem SOYSANLI, World Customs Organisation Senior Technical Officer	Parallel session D2: Successful NTFCs: Best Practices, Challenges and Opportunities Organizer: CARICOM Room: Marigold What constitutes a successful NTFC? to unlock the full potential of trade facilitation, prioritizing NTFCs is crucial. This discussion will explore diverse experiences across different nations analyzing effective strategies for establishing and strengthening NTFCs including challenges. Subtopics: Collaboration and Coordination among stakeholders Showcasing successful approaches from different NTFCs Capacity building gaps Trade facilitation roadmaps.
	session aims to generate action-oriented recommendations for SIDS to engage in decarbonizing maritime transport,	Caribbean Region, IDB	Javier Garcia, Universal Postal Union, Customs Facilitation and Standards	Monitoring and evaluation of regional trade facilitation/reforms

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	leveraging benefits from the energy transition while managing associated costs. Moderator Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL, UNCTAD Speakers Ramón Pichs-Madruga, IPCC Vice-Chair for Working Group III (Cuba) Avinash Persaud, Special Advisor on Climate Change to the President, IDB George Tavo, Deputy Secretary for the Ministry of Public Works, Meteorological Services & Transport, Fiji Kjersti Aass Maritime Just Transition Task Force Lead, UN Global Compact	 Roble Sabrie, Economist, FAO Investment Center Edna Ramirez, Dean of Legal Studies, University of Guadalajara 		 Michele Lowe, Senior Co-ordinator for Hemispheric and Bilateral Trade relations, CARICOM Speakers Mark Henderson, Grant manager, WTO-TFAF Arantzazu Sanchez Belastegui, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD Trade Facilitation Section Karen Mirtala Sosa Salgado, Trade Facilitation Coordinator, Ministry of Economic Development, Honduras Alina Monica Antoci, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group
11:00- 11:30	Coffee break			
11:30- 12:30 Four Parallel Sessions	Parallel Session A3: Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Transition Organizer: IMO, UNCTAD Room: Frangipani The Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (2023 IMO GHG Strategy) defines the pathway to reach net-zero GHG emissions from international shipping close to 2050, including intermediate milestones for 2030 and 2040.	Parallel Session B3: ONE Caribbean: A Strategy for Approaching Food Insecurity - Focus on sustainable freight logistics and trade Organizer: IDB Room: Poinsettia Trade costs in the region are high, and the region is challenged by limited air and maritime transport connectivity, insufficient port infrastructure, and high logistics costs. This session will explore two interrelated	Parallel Session C3: Towards sustainable, intelligent, and connected Single Windows Organizers: IDB Room: Bougainvillea Digital solutions are shaping the crossborder trade landscape, reducing costs and boosting efficiency. This session will delve into emerging trends in the implementation of trade single windows, with particular emphasis on technology, governance, and integration, and present	Parallel Session D3: Supply Chain Disruptions- The Role and Response of NTFCs Organizer: ECLAC Room: Marigold In the dynamic landscape of global trade, NTFCs play a crucial role in navigating supply chain disruptions. This dialogue aim to investigate the multifaceted roles of the NTFCs in responding to disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions and events such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Through sharing of

The session will discuss the opportunities and challenges for green shipping in the Caribbean region and for SIDS in general.

Participants will engage in interactive discussions focusing on the implementation of the newly adopted 2023 IMO GHG Strategy, the underlying needs and gaps facing Caribbean SIDS and how these can be tackled. They will also identify ways in which Caribbean SIDS can mitigate the energy transition costs, which are translated into higher maritime logistics costs.

The session would conclude with a set of action-oriented exchange of views as to how Caribbean SIDS can participate in the energy transition in international shipping, by decarbonizing maritime transport while tapping the opportunities and the benefits that may arise from the energy transition and mitigating the potential transition costs.

Moderator

• Roel Hoenders, Head of Climate Action and Clean Air, IMO

Speakers

- Harry Conway, Chair of IMO MEPC (Liberia)
- Miryam Saade Hazin, Officer in charge of the Infrastructure and Logistics, UN-ECLAC
- Desmond Tay, Regional Director (Americas), MPA Singapore

networks and high transaction costs for imports and exports.

Moderator

• Christopher Persaud, IDB

Speakers

- James Hookham, Director, Global Shippers Forum
- Patrick Antoine, CPSO
- Andrew Jackson, Head of Supply Chain, World Food Programme
- Antonio Dominguez, Head of Latin America and the Caribbean Region, MAERSK (TBC) OR Zera Zheng, Global Head of Business Resilience Consulting MAERSK (tbc) OR Zera Zheng, Global Head of Business Resilience Consulting MAERSK
- Rodrigo Rupérez, Consultant, UNCTAD, APEC and Andean Community

innovations from the experience of Peru and Trinidad and Tobago.

Moderator

Krista Lucenti, Regional Coordinator,
 Trade and Investment Division, IDB

Speakers

- Joseph Nehme, International Consultant, IDB
- Teresa Mera, Vice-Minister of Trade, MINCETUR Peru
- Stephen Rodriguez, Single Window Coordinator, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Trinidad and Tobago

current practices, identify challenges and opportunities faced by NTFCs, and identify strategies to enhance their effectiveness in facilitating trade and supply chain disruptions.

Subtopics

- Trade facilitation in Supply chain disruptions.
- Adaptation strategies and implementation challenges
- Case Studies and Best Practices: UN Global Survey
- Strengthening Resilience
- Cooperation among NTFCs and International organizations for effective response to supply chain disruptions.

Moderator

 Poul Hansen, Chief Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD

- Victor Ban, Special Counsel, Office of the U.S Trade Representative
- Andrea Tang, Legal services director, FIATA
- Ahmed Niyaz, Deputy Chief
 Superintendent strategic management and international relations, Maldives
 Customs service
- Patricia Francis, Chairperson, Trade Facilitation Task Force, Jamaica

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	Vivian Rambarath-Parasram, Head of Maritime Technology Cooperation Caribbean			
12:30- 14:00	Lunch			
14:00 - 15:00 Four Parallel Sessions	Parallel Session A4: Leading the Way to Sustainable Ports Through Ports' Energy Transition Organizer: UNCTAD Room: Frangipani This session will discuss the pivotal role that ports play in the energy transition, particularly how ports can: (1) Harness the ability to use, produce and distribute clean/renewable energy for their own facilities and operations as well as for ships servicing and bunkering and (2) Improve port operational efficiency by promoting energy efficiency and green technology-driven solutions The session will conclude with a set of action-oriented recommendations on how ports can tap into the opportunities and benefits that may arise from the energy transition. Focus will be on leveraging ecosystem/cross-sector collaboration and investment/finance mobilization, to mitigate potential transition costs Moderator	Parallel Session B4: Building Resilient Supply Chain Modalities – A Business Perspective Organizer: Caribbean Export Development Agency Room: Poinsettia The Caribbean, like other small states and vulnerable countries, faces challenges in logistics and connectivity including outdated infrastructure, cumbersome customs procedures, and the slow pace of transition for improved systems for trade. Improving logistics performance is a crucial policy objective, and the availability of advanced logistics services, including leveraging technology constitute some of the key objectives for the region. Caribbean Export, in supporting the region's private sector undertakes targeted interventions focused on export development, as well as export and investment promotion. Thus, this session seeks to provide the perspective of Caribbean businesses and their experience in regional and international trade. The dialogue will explore the challenges that	Parallel Session C4: What would the world be like without shipping? Organizer: World Maritime University and UNCTAD Room: Bougainvillea Many countries take it for granted that shipping will do its work against a remuneration. But how significant is that work? During the pandemic and the Evergiven incident the repercussions from the stoppage of shipping were felt to a certain extent. But what if transportation came to a complete stop for certain time periods? Would the impact be limited to what we know, or would the magnitude be similar to an avalanche? It is submitted that shipping serves global supply chains and the stability of all markets, ensuring peace for societies and prosperity for citizens. Moderator Jan Hoffmann, Head, Trade Logistics, UNCTAD	Parallel session D4: Humanitarian Relief, The Role and Preparedness of the NTFC Organizer: WTO Room: Marigold This dialogue aims to explore how NTFCs can effectively contribute to facilitating trade in times of crisis, ensuring the timely and efficient delivery of essential goods and services to affected regions. Through sharing of experiences, the discussion will access current practices, identify challenges, and discuss strategies to enhance the capacity and responsiveness of NTFCs in humanitarian relief operations. Subtopics - Understanding the Role of NTFCs in Humanitarian Relief: Challenges and Opportunities - Coordination Mechanisms: Strengthening Collaboration between NTFCs and Humanitarian Agencies - Trade Facilitation measures for Emergency Response: Ensuring Rapid
	 Ines Nastali, Senior Custom Publishing Editor, Research Advisory Specialty 	Caribbean MSMEs face in connecting to regional and global supply chains, as well as the attendant hurdles with shipping, transport, and related procedures. Leading	Nigel Pusey, Chief Executive Officer, Container Trades Statistics Ltd (CTS)	Deployment of Humanitarian Relief Building Resilience: Enhancing NTFC Preparedness for Crisis Situations

Solutions, S&P Global Market Intelligence S&P Global

Speakers

- Antonis Michail, Technical Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors / World Ports Sustainability Program
- Gordon Wilmsmeier, Kühne
 Professorial Chair in Logistics
 Universidad de Los Andes, School of
 Management, Colombia
- Sam Cho, Port of Seattle Commissioner
- Mikael Lind, Professor of Maritime Informatics engaged at Chalmers and Research Institutes of Sweden, RISE

port, logistics and supply chain experts will provide practical solutions to support businesses.

Moderator

Damie Sinanan, Manager
 Competitiveness and Export Promotion,
 Caribbean Export Development Agency

Speakers

- Darwin Telemaque CEO Antigua Port
 Authority and Chairman of the Port
 Management Association of the
 Caribbean
- Michelle Belgrave Customs and Trade Compliance Director for the Caribbean DHL Express
- Tamara Gibson Managing Director Native Caribbean Limited
- Nicholas Bynoe Owner Old Duppy

- Maximilian Weidenhammer, UNCTAD consultant
- Onno Hoffmeister, Chief Statistics
 Production Unit, UNCTAD
- Helio Vicente, Director, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
- Rohan Masakarola, Founder, Shippers' Academy International
- Gina Panayiotou, Founder & CEO, Oceans Arena
- George Theocharidis, World Maritime University (WMU)

Case Studies and Best Practices:
 Lessons Learned from Successful
 Humanitarian Relief Efforts

Moderator

 Mark Henderson, Grant manager, WTO-TFAF

- Virginie Bohl, Coordinator of IMPACCT hosted by the Global Logistics Cluster, WFP
- Stanley Trief, Vanuatu Electronic Single Window
- Özlem Soysanli, Senior Technical Officer, World Customs Organization
- Alina Antoci Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group
- Roxana Cortina, Economic Affairs
 Officer, UNCTAD
- Jean Cedric Meeus, Senior Supply Chain Advisor, UNICEF

15:00-16:00

Four Parallel Sessions Parallel Session A5:

Achieving Sustainable and Resilient Transport and Logistics including in SIDS

Organizer: UNCTAD, Kühne Foundation

Room: Frangipani

Over recent years, international supply chains have been deeply shaken by a succession of stressors. In this context, navigating disruptions and enhancing the resilience of transport and logistics for future proofing global supply chains rank high on the global policy agenda.

The session will highlight lessons learned from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021-2022 global supply chain crisis, the war in Ukraine, low water levels constraining ship transits in the Panama Canal and the security risks in the Red Sea.

The aim is to identify relevant resiliencebuilding measures that can help enhance the sector's ability to prepare for, cope with, recover from and adapt to conditions that may arise from future disruptions.

Bearing in mind the special needs of SIDS, action-oriented recommendations for the way forward will be put forward.

Moderator

 Alan McKinnon, Professor of Logistics, Kühne Logistics University, Hamburg

Speakers

Parallel Session B5:

Energy Transition of Fishing Fleets:
Opportunities and Challenges for Developing
countries

Organizer: UNCTAD, FAO and Barbados Fisheries Division

Room: Poinsettia

The energy transition of fishing fleets is a pressing global concern as nations commit to net-zero targets and climate action. The fishing industry's heavy reliance on fossil fuels significantly contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. However, the sector lacks comprehensive global targets and guidelines for this crucial shift. Fishing vessels account for 0.1% to 0.5% of global carbon emissions, representing approximately 4% of carbon emissions from global food production. Vulnerability is particularly pronounced in developing countries, where small-scale, artisanal fishers and women workers face escalating challenges. This event aims to map out the primary challenges and opportunities related to the energy transition of fishing vessels in developing countries. It will also introduce the findings of the recent UNCTAD report titled "Energy Transition of Fishing Fleets: Opportunities and Challenges for Developing Countries."

Moderator

 Nikola Simpson, Founder & Director, Sustainable Caribbean

Keynote

Parallel Session C5:

Trade in Services for Economic Diversification: Opportunities and Challenges for the CARICOM Region

Organizer: UNCTAD Trade and STAT

Room: Bougainvillea

eServices-led diversification is critical to economic resilience and structural transformation in the CARICOM region. Services trade has been growing in the region, and many countries rely strongly on service exports. The session will provide a forum to identify opportunities and challenges in harnessing the potential of trade in services. It will consider how to strengthen the evidence base and effectiveness of policy action to strengthen the economic resilience of CARICOM countries. It will provide an opportunity for countries to share practices and identify areas for greater efforts jointly with trading partner countries and the international community. The session is organized jointly by UNCTAD, CARICOM, OECS and ECLAC.

Parallel session D5:

Role of the NTFC in Pioneering Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

Organizer: UNCTAD

Room: Marigold

In this conversation, participants discuss the important role that Governments, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and NTFCs play in integrating advanced technology into trade facilitation at both national and regional levels. The goal is to improve public services, increase efficiency, and meet the changing needs of businesses while prioritizing sustainability. We examine the rapidly evolving technological landscape and provide practical examples of how it can revolutionize trade facilitation, resulting in increased efficiency and sustainability.

Subtopics

- Reform Tracker (digital monitoring of Trade Facilitation Reforms)
- E-phyto implementation and certification for export
- The Electronic Cargo Tracking System
- Paperless Trade and the applications of Blockchain, Al and IoT in trade facilitation
- Country examples and best practices

Moderator

 Pamela Ugaz, Economics affairs officer, UNCTAD

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	 John Manners-Bell, Chief Executive Officer, Ti Insight and Foundation for Future Supply Chain Zera Zheng, Global Head of Business Resilience Consulting, Maersk Darwin Telemaque, Chairman, Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC) Miryam Saade Hazin, Officer in charge of the Infrastructure and Logistics, UN-ECLAC 	 H.E. Adrian R. Forde, Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy Speakers David Vivas Eugui, Chief of Section, a.i. Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, DTL, UNCTAD Yvette Diei Ouadi, Fisheries Industry Officer & WECAFC Secretary, FAO Shelly-Ann Cox, Chief Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Division, A Green and Blue Economy 		 Speakers Noura Al Dhaheri, CEO, Digital Cluster and CEO, Maqta Gateway, AD Ports Group, Abu Dhabi Jane Musyoki, Principal officer, E-portal & Value add services, Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) Kumar Kanishk, Assistant Director, Department of Commerce, Government of India Khetsiwe Dlamini, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry
16:00- 16:30	Coffee break			
16:30- 17:30 Four Parallel Sessions	Parallel Session A6: How can ports catalyze clean energy investments? Organizer: World Bank Room: Frangipani Ports are to take on new, additional roles in the global energy transition. These roles will go beyond their traditional function of allowing ships to berth. Specifically in the early years, ports can catalyze clean energy investments. For instance, they will be expected to import wind power equipment, export hydrogen-based fuels, and supply green energy to transport and industrial users at large scale.	Parallel Session B6: Greening the Health Supply Chain: How to build a more Sustainable, Resilient and Cost-Efficient Logistics to Deliver Vaccines and Medicines in Latin America & The Caribbean? Organizer: PAHO Room: Poinsettia The Regional Revolving Funds of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), with 60 years of collective experience, employ a pooled procurement strategy to deliver, in 3000 annual shipments, from over 150 suppliers of vaccines, medicines, and other health technologies, for millions of people living in 42 countries and territories in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Parallel Session C6: First China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Supply Chain Promotion Report Release Organizer: CCPIT Room: Bougainvillea Global supply chains increasingly assume the attributes of a public good. China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) organizes the drafting of the Global Supply Chain Promotion Report, which has been the flagship report for the first China International Supply Chain Expo in late 2023. Global Supply Chain Promotion Report is the first research on supply chain	Parallel Session D6: The Role of Customs in NTFCs and the link to Customs Consultative Committees Organizers: WCO Room: Marigold The proper functioning of NTFCs requires the involvement of all relevant government agencies, including the full and active participation of Customs administrations given the key role that Customs plays at borders in facilitating and securing global trade. Additionally, many countries highlight increased dialogues between public and private sectors as one of the benefits of NTFCs. This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities in terms of

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Currently, investments in clean forms of energy, such as green hydrogen, are stalling. Here, pro-active and forward-looking port authorities and other stakeholders in the greater port ecosystem can play a catalytical role in providing crucial common-user infrastrucure, mitigating investment risks, and kickstarting clean energy industries around the globe. This session will offer first-hand insights in recent business and development opportunities identified.

Moderator

 Gordon Wilmsmeier, Director of the Hapag-Lloyd Centre for Shipping and Global Logistics, Kühne Logistics University, and Holder of the Kühne Professorial Chair in Logistics at the School of Management, Universidad de los Andes

Presentation

 Dominik Englert, Senior Economist, World Bank

Speakers

- Katharine Palmer, UN High-Level Climate Champion for Shipping
- Sam Cho, Commissioner, Port of Seattle
- Namrata Nadkarni, CEO and Founder, Intent Communications

This session features insights from experts on public health, logistics optimization and decarbonization, exploring challenges and actionable opportunities for PAHO, its Member States and partners, to build a more sustainable health supply chain for the region.

Speakers

- Daniel Rodriguez, Director, Procurement and Supply Management, The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Hon. Kent Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, Dominica
- Carsten Hansen, Executive Managing Director, SourcingHaus Research & Consulting Group
- Enrique Romero, Logistics Optimization Specialist, Decisiones Logisticas Consulting Group

promotion from a global business community perspective and creates a global supply chain promotion analysis system.

The published version will be released globally for the first time on 22 May, and taking this opportunity, people who are involved in the research of Supply Chain will have an in-depth dialogue on what we shall do to promote the Global Supply Chain.

Speakers

- Ren Hongbin, Chairman of CCPIT
- Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director,
 Division on Technology and Logistics,
 UNCTAD
- Zhao Ping, President of CCPIT Academy
- Representative from Chinese Company and local company

effective functioning and sustainability of NTFCs based on the diverse experiences from different regions.

Subtopics

- Political support & commitment by members
- Coordination, communication, and data exchange
- Importance of national strategic plan & implementation plans
- Involvement of the private sector; regional perspective
- Best practices & lessons learned.

Moderator:

 Ricardo Treviño Chapa, Deputy Secretary General, WCO

- Surjit Bhujabal, Member (Customs) CBIC, Government of India
- Victoria Weyulu, Senior manager, TF and customs procedures, Namibia Revenue Authority
- Fabián Villarroel, Regional Private
 Sector Group Representative for the
 WCO Americas and Caribbean Region
- Bibiana Das Chagas Meroni, Tax
 Auditor and Customs Officer, Federal
 Revenue of Brazil

Reception: Launch of UN Global Compact Caribbean Network and Global Supply Chain Programme

The UN Global Compact welcomes Global Supply Chain Forum participants to join us for the reception on Wednesday 22 May, entitled "Official Launch of the UN Global Compact Caribbean Network & UN Global Compact's Sustainable SME & Supply Chain Programme". The UN Global Compact has also been developing expanded offerings on sustainable supply chains that can support SMEs and suppliers to strengthen their sustainability performance. It is also advancing sustainable blue economy practices. This event will connect with the important conversations being held during the Global Supply chain Forum and provide a nexus for private acceleration of the SDGs connected to the efforts of the UN System, Government, Business Associations and Civil Society.

Speakers

17:30-19:30

- Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley (TBC)
- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Global Compact
- Didier Trebucq, (Outgoing) Resident Coordinator, United Nations Barbados Eastern Caribbean (MCO)
- James Clarke, President of Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Lisa R. Cummins, Minister of Energy and Business DevCGelopment (TBC)
- Zera Zheng, Head of Global Business Consulting, MAERSK (TBC)
- Trisha Tannis, Chairman of the Barbados Private Sector Association (BPSA) and Managing Director of the Unicomer (Barbados) Group
- Randy Graham, Chief Executive Officer, CG United Insurance Ltd

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9:00-10:00

Four Parallel Sessions Parallel Session A7: Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience-Building and DRR for Ports

Organizer: UNCTAD

Room: Frangipani

With over 80% of world merchandise trade carried by sea, seaports are vital nodes in the network of global supply chains and critical for access to global markets and the Blue Economy. At the same time, they are at the frontline of climate change, particularly rising mean and extreme sea levels and extreme weather events - the impacts of which can result in significant infrastructure damage, as well as costly disruption and delay across interconnected global supply chains, with implications for global trade and the sustainable development of the most vulnerable, including SIDS. The sessions will provide a forum for discussion of climate change impacts, risks, and costs; technical measures, standards, guidance and methodologies for adaptation; governance and management approaches; key challenges and opportunities in investment and capacity building for adaptation and DRR; and provide related recommendations.

Speakers

Parallel Session B7:

Efficient and Competitive Port Management

Organizers: UNCTAD

Room: Poinsettia

Ports face many technical and economic challenges. At the same time, they play a crucial role in international trade and global supply chains. Ports today must work towards high levels of adaptability and preparedness while also striving for modernization and economic inclusivity. Through strategic partnerships, effective governance, and optimized operations, ports can become vital engines of economic development, connecting nations, stimulating trade, and contributing to the overall well-being of societies.

The session will bring together port industry professionals to engage and learn from real-life examples, discussing today's most pressing issues regarding efficient and competitive port management. Issues discussed will include environmental sustainability, digitalization and automation, security, labour and the workforce, supply chain resilience, regulatory compliance, intermodal connectivity and female inclusivity.

Speakers

Monique Bidia Duncan,
 Deputy Director of HR, Port Authority
 of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire & Permanent
 Secretary of the French-speaking

Parallel Session C7: Regional Connectivity and Services (including maritime and air)

Organizers: Caricom Private Sector Organization and CDB

Room: Bougainvillea

In October 2023 CARICOM Heads of Government issued the call for the private sector to address the challenge of maritime transportation for movement of goods and people.

This session will explore the situation and outlook for maritime and air transport services, as a key driver for the achievement of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

The session will also discuss recommendations for addressing the gaps (in maritime and air transport) pursuant to the efficient integration of the CSME with global markets.

Moderator:

Mr. Ian Durant, Director, Economics
 Department, , Caribbean
 Development Bank

Speakers:

- Anthony Ali, Chief Executive Officer Goddard Enterprises Ltd; Executive Committee, CARICOM Private Sector Organization
- Garvin Medera, Chief Executive
 Officer, Caribbean Airlines

Parallel session D7:

Border Agency Cooperation and Regional Trade Facilitation: Contributions of the NTFCs

Organizer: OECD

Room: Marigold

This discussion aims to explore how NTFCs contribute to improving coordination and non-customs entities, such as immigration, to facilitate regional trade. The dialogue will also examine the gap between reported implementations and the realities on the ground. Through insightful dialogue and real-world examples, we will explore the effectiveness of NTFC initiatives in streamlining border processes and discuss strategies to bridge the implementation gap for more efficient trade facilitation.

Subtopics

- Challenges in Border Agency
 Coordination
- Comparing trade Policy to Practice
- Integrating Non-Customs Border Agencies
- Leveraging Technology for Improved
 Communication and Data Exchange
- Strengthening Partnerships for Enhanced Regional Trade Facilitation.

Moderator

• Jane Korinek, Senior Economist, Trade Policy Division, OECD

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10:00-11:00 Parallel Sessions Room Speal	Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, UNCTAD Willard Phillips, Economic Affairs Officer UNECLAC, Trinidad&Tobago Miguel Esteban, Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan David A.Y. Smith, co-founder and Director Research & Innovation, Smith Warner International, Jamaica AA y insights and recommendations rallel Session A8: Climate Change aptation, Resilience-Building and R for ports (continued) om: Frangipani eakers Austin Becker, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island (URI), USA Crispin D'Auvergne, Programme Director for Climate change and DRR, OECS Comm., Saint Lucia Giuseppe Mancinelli, Deputy Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean, UNOPS	Network of the TrainForTrade Port Management Programme; Jorge Durán, OEA CIP; Eranda Kotelawa, CEO, Solomon Islands Ports Authority Antonis Michail, Technical Director IAPH & WPSP; Bismark Rosales, General Manager, Port Jennefer, Bolivia; Francisco Trujillo, Director, Port Authority of Las Palmas, Spain; Ricardo Sanchez, Head, Caribbean Research Institute; Ancor Suárez, IDB Ian Stewart, Divisional Manager Operations, Barbados Port Inc. Parallel Session B8: Efficient and Competitive Port Management (continued) Room: Poinsettia	 Diane Edwards, Director, Professional Services Unit, Mona School of Business and Management Gavin Bovell, Lecturer, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, University of the West Indies - CaveHill Campus Parallel Session C8: Regional Connectivity and Services (including maritime and air) (continued) Room: Bougainvillea 	 Özlem Soysanli, Senior Technical Officer, World Customs Organization Michelle Belgrave, Customs and Trade Compliance Director for the Caribbean, DHL Express Eduardo José Espinoza Valverde, Genera Director Economic Intergration, Trade Facilitation and Transport, SIECA Ruari Bride, HM Revenue and Customs, UK Parallel session D8: Fostering Private Sector Engagement in NTFC Organizer: GATF Room: Marigold National trade facilitation committees showed promise of building true publicprivate collaboration in achieving a vision of the border as a shared responsibility. Private sector participation in NTFCs committees, however, remains low. This panel will explor opportunities and tools for enhancing private sector participation in NTFCs, how such participation can help governments tackle issues like supply chain resilience and border compliance, and ways in which governments

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	Jennifer Doherty-Bigara Rodriguez, Senior Climate			and private sector can build effective collaboration in trade facilitation.
	Change Specialist, IDB, Barbados			Moderator:
	Q&A Key insights and recommendations			Jose Raul Perales, Deputy Director GATF
	Mr. K. Mutombo, Senior Strategy			Speakers
	Specialist, Global Sustainability Center, ABS, Houston (from the floor)			Wendy Aydeé Torrejón Gómez, Supervisor of International Relations, Bolivia National Customs Office
				Edna Ramírez Robles, Dean of Legal Studies, University of Guadalajara
				Michelle Belgrave, Customs and Trade Compliance Director for the Caribbean, DHL Express
				Nirad Tewarie CEO, American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago
				Fabiola Gamboa Avalos, Trade Facilitation Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
11:00-11:30	Coffee break			
11:30-12:30 Four Parallel Sessions	Parallel Session A9: Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience-Building and DRR for Ports (continued) Room: Frangipani	Parallel Session B9: Promoting responsible business conduct for decent work in supply chains: a focus on the transport sector Organizer: ILO	Parallel Session C9: The Role of Young people in Supply Chains Organizer: University of West Indies and UNCTAD joint session with UWI and other regional partners	Parallel session D9: The Role of the NTFCs in Mobilizing Resources for Trade Facilitation Reforms: Bridging Opportunities and Challenges Organizer: World Bank Group
	Moderator:			
	Simona Anamaria Marinescu, Senior Advisor Small Island Developing States, UNOPS Speaker	Room: Poinsettia This session will explore responsible business practices in supply chains, with a focus on the transport sector. It will provide an overview of the key global trends on responsible business conduct and due diligence; outline the different yet	Room: Bougainvillea This session will give an overview of the various elements that can enhance the role of young people in supply chains. We will review what the situation is currently like today and how it could become in the	Room: Marigold Achieving successful trade facilitation reforms requires support from donors and international organizations. Their dedication to bolstering trade facilitation efforts through a variety of assistance programs is crucial. This event provides participants with a

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- Elizabeth Riley, Executive
 Director, Caribbean Disaster
 Emergency Management Agency
- Darwin Telemaque, CEO Antigua Port Authority and Chairman of the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC)
- Sean Rafter, Managing Director, HELP Logistics AG, Switzerland
- Jair Torres, Programme
 Management Officer, Regional
 Office for the Americas & the
 Caribbean, UNDRR, Barbados

Q&A, Key recommendations

Concluding remarks/ recommendations complementary roles of government, employers and workers to promote responsible business conduct and sustain positive impacts; address emerging areas of opportunities and challenges to promote decent work in the transport sector; and present practical tools and approaches to foster responsible business conduct in supply chains, including in the transport sector. The session will contribute to address the social dimension of trade and how it can be harnessed, through effective facilitation, to improve decent work outcomes for women and men in supply chains.

Moderator

Joni Musabayana, Director of the ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean

Speaker

- The Hon. Colin E. Jordan, M.P., Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector, Barbados (tbc)
- Sanella Sanford, BEC Council Member & Trade Group Representative for Transport & Logistics, Head of Human Resources – Caribbean Markets, Inchcape
- Fabrizio Barcellona, Seafarers and Inland Navigation Section Coordinator, International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)
- Martin Lugmayr, Industrial Development Expert, UNIDO

near future. The topics tackled will be the following:

- How technology and innovation can better integrate young people in supply chains;
- How the private sector can support youth engagement, and create partnership opportunities;
- How adapted trainings can transform young professionals and make them better candidates for employment in supply chains;
- How the sector can be better adapted to represent and uphold the rights of young workers

This session will also tackle the current bottlenecks that limit the place of youth in supply chains today.

Moderator

 Ramatu Abdulkadir, Kühne Foundation

Speaker

- Ade O'Neal, UWI Alumnus &
 Assistant Manager Business
 Development & Strategy, Barbados
 Port Inc
- Maria Bolotnikov, Project Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD
- Natnael Getachew Muluye, Addis Abba University, Ethiopia
- Juan Salamanca, Universidad de los Andes

unique chance to gain insights from donor organizations, revealing the different forms of assistance available. Additionally, it offers a forum for open discussions on the complexities and challenges of identifying and securing necessary funding for successful trade facilitation reform.

Subtopics:

- Current overview of the developments and status of specific TF-funded projects
- Highlight the implementation of category
 C commitments and additional support
 required to improve communication.
- The importance of coordinated efforts of the donor community
- Project proposal by LDC/LLDC/SIDS -National or regional

Moderator

 Alina Monica Antoci, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group

- Gabriela Cárdenas Rivadeneira, Technical Secretariat, National Trade Facilitation Committee, Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments, and Fisheries, Ecuador.
- Bou Bunnara, Director of Legal Affairs and PR Department General Department of Customs and Excise Cambodia
- Ruari Bride, HM Revenue and Customs, UK
- Mark Henderson, Grant manager, WTO-TFAF

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12:30-14:00	Lunch session	John Bliek, Enterprise Specialist, Sustainable Enterprise Development and Job Creation		
12.50-14.00	LUTICIT Session			
14:00-15:00 Four Parallel Sessions	Parallel Session A10: Strengthening service quality and connectivity in maritime transport to foster global trade and development Organizers: FIATA, Global Shippers Alliance and UNCTAD Room: Frangipani Recent disruptions and crises, such as natural disasters and geopolitical tensions, have highlighted the fragility of supply chains, introducing new risks and challenges. Ensuring global connectivity is paramount in navigating these complexities, highlighting the importance of practical multi-stakeholder solutions to strengthen resilience and adaptability. This session will bring together industry leaders working together to strengthen service quality and connectivity in maritime transport. Topics will include current challenges and bottlenecks, the impact on global connectivity, particularly for Small Island Developing States. The importance of harmonisation and dialogue to drive forward decarbonisation and digitalisation efforts will be explored,	Parallel Session B10: Preparing Disaster Response Supply Chains in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): The Role of Data-Driven Supply Chains Organizers: World Food Programme Room: Poinsettia Efficient supply chains are vital for disaster response in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) due to challenges like isolation, limited infrastructure, and climate risks. However, the lack of data-driven supply chain decisions can hamper the timely delivery of goods and services, affecting disaster response. The panel will discuss CDEMA and WFP's technology-led initiatives, exploring practical cases and envisioning how supply chain data can enhance Caribbean disaster preparedness. Specifically, it will highlight how CDEMA, supported by WFP, is transforming how states harness supply chain data for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The aim is to inspire collaboration for more effective disaster strategies, with WFP enhancing supply chain data visibility for CDEMA and offering a framework for state capability improvement. Moderator	Parallel Session C10: Advancing Economic Resilience for Caribbean Developing States—Innovating the Port Community System Organizer: Barbados Port Inc Room: Bougainvillea Barbados Port Inc. (BPI) is currently developing an innovative Port Community System. The concept is that in addition to typical maritime information management found in existing PCS worldwide, the Barbados PCS will also provide information for Cruise Services administration, environmental (waste and emissions) controls, and law enforcement intelligence, all of which are vital contributors to the development of the Barbados economy. The session will illustrate the innovative design of the Barbados Port Community System and incorporate the online demonstration of the Maritime Single Window. Speaker • Karl Branch, Divisional Manager, Innovation & Corporate Services, Barbados Port Inc	Parallel session D10: Inclusivity in Trade Facilitation: The role of NTFCs Organizer: ITC Room: Marigold This conversation will delve into how NTFCs can play a significant role in fostering inclusivity in trade facilitation. The discussion will focus on tackling obstacles that small cross-border traders face and gender-related challenges in trading across borders. Throug dynamic dialogue and shared experiences, we seek to accelerate actionable solutions for a more inclusive and vibrant trading landscape. Subtopics - Empowering Small Cross Border Traders Strategies for Inclusion - Gender Mainstreaming in Trade: Overcoming Barriers and Promoting Equality - Policy Frameworks and Institutional Support: Strengthening NTFCs for Inclusive Trade Development. - Case Studies and Best Practices: Learning from Successful Inclusive Trade

	insights into stakeholder	Speakers		Moderator
	expectations for minimum service levels, promoting reliability, visibility and transparency in the maritime	Regis Chapman, Representative and Country Director, UN World Food		Victoria Tuomisto, Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC
	supply chain.	Programme (WFP) Caribbean Multi- Country Office		Speakers
	Moderator • Regina Asariotis, UNCTAD	Michelle Forbes, Director of National Emergency Management Organisation		Tadiwanashe Mutibura, UNCTAD Supply chain Innovation Challenge Winner
	Speakers	(NEMO), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		Jeffrey Maganya, Program and Influencing Director, OXFAM
	 Andrea Tang, Legal Services Director, FIATA Denis Choumert, Chairman, 	Jane Han, Logistics Specialist at USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)		 Ingrid Huapaya, Customs and Trade Facilitation Coordinator, Peru Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tourism
	 Global Shippers Alliance James Hookham, Director, Global Shippers Forum 	Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director at Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)		 Aryeetey Densua Naa, Chair sub- committee on gender, Ghana NTFC, Ghana Shippers' Authority
	Joe Kramek, President and CEO, World Shipping Council	Munugement Agency (EDEMA)		Gnunu Shippers Authority
5:00-16:00 our Parallel essions	Parallel Session A11: Port Infrastructure Sufficiency Index Organizers: Korea Maritime Institute	Parallel Session B11: Implementing emerging technologies in global supply chains Organizers: UNCTAD	Parallel Session C11: Pathways to improving intra-regional air transport connectivity in the Caribbean - Industry perspectives	Parallel Session D11: NTFC Involvement in Pioneering Climate- Smart Trade Facilitation
	(KMI), Gyeongsang National University (GNU), UNCTAD	Room: Poinsettia	Organizer: USAID	Organizer: UNECE Room: Marigold
	Room: Frangipani	As e-commerce grows, driving up trade	Room: Bougainvillea	In today's ever-changing landscape, the
	This session is prepared under the framework of the Korea Maritime	volumes, global economic interconnections deepen. This creates more complex value	Reliable, cost-effective air transportation for cargo and passengers is critical to	necessity to combat climate change intersects with sustainable trade facilitation
	Institute (KMI) project on a Global Port Infrastructure Sufficiency Index (PISI) which was launched in 2019	chains, bringing to light new policy and regulatory challenges. The need for efficient, cost-effective delivery of goods	economic integration and prosperity within the region. While international connections have rebounded, intra	NTFCs need to leverage the digital econom and innovative technologies to reduce the carbon footprint in international goods
	and implemented in collaboration with the United Nations Conference	across the globe has never been greater. Digitalization, automation and the use of	regional passenger levels have only reached 60% of pre-pandemic levels. This	transportation. Drawing from the garment and footwear sectors, this session will discu
	on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The PISI is a proposed	emerging technologies such as blockchain, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of	panel of industry experts will discuss the importance of cultivating a competitive	circular economy principles, traceability, policy recommendations, and the role of
	port performance indicator	Things offer promising solutions to enhance	cost environment, liberalizing regulatory	digitalization in enhancing ESG monitoring

frameworks for operational innovation,

From a global perspective, this session

global value chain efficiency. This session

articulated around three main

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components: Punctuality, Safety and Security, and Digitalization. The presentation sets out the main findings of Phase 2 of the PISI project. Under Phase 2, the PISI concept was piloted across selected world container port terminals. The AIS data allowed for assessing Punctuality (vessel time) while the survey questionnaire focused on Safety and Security and Digitalization. The technical report was published in November 2023 and is available at UNCTAD's website.

Moderator

Jan Hoffmann, Head, Trade
Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

Speaker

- Ju Dong Park, Professor of Marine Science College, Gyeongsang National University
- Seokwoo Jake Choi, Director of Port Demand Analysis Research Division at Port Research Department, Korea Maritime Institute

explores the role of digital tools and emerging technologies in overcoming these obstacles. It will also discuss how to ensure that the prosperity generated by digital trade is inclusive, beneficial, and equitably distributed among all global participants.

Speakers

- Cristina Martín, CEO, USYNMINCRO
- Khalid Hasan Ali Al Marzooqi, Director of Development and Strategic Planning Division, UAE Customs, Abu Dhabi
- Rommel Edwards, Manager Digital Innovation Department, Barbados Port Inc.

increasing intra regional air connections, and promoting multi-destination itineraries, to improve connectivity and deliver on a harmonized Single Market.

Moderator

 Hon. Roger Nyhus, U.S. Ambassador to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean, and the OFCS

Speakers

- Dona Regis-Prosper, Secretary
 General & CEO, Caribbean Tourism
 Organization
- Lyndon Gardiner, Founder and Chairman, interCaribbean Airways
- Hannah Swift, Country Manager -Caribbean, Virgin Atlantic
- Isaac Solomon, Acting President, Caribbean Development Bank
- Jenny Ann Urban, Managing Director, Air Charter and Maintenance, National Air Transportation Association

fosters collaboration and innovation towards a more sustainable future.

Subtopics:

- Political Commitment
- Technical Assistance for NTFCs in Climate Mitigation
- Transitioning to Circular Value Chains for Climate Resilience
- Traceability and Transparency
- Effective Instruments for Sustainability and Climate Mitigation
- Innovating ESG Monitoring for Sustainable Trade
- Sharing Best Practices for Climate Action Across Borders

Moderator:

 Matthew Wilson, Ambassador of Barbados

- Ingrid Zabaleta Chaustre, Regional Executive Assistant + Cotton Project (Lima, Peru), FAO
- Victoria Tuomisto, Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC
- Stanley Trief, Vanuatu Electronic Single Window
- Poul Hansen, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD
- Kevin Bishop, Associate Information Management Officer, United Nations

			Economic Commission for Europe (UN/CEFACT)
.6:00-16:30 Coffee break			
16:30-17:30 Four Parallel Sessions Organizers: UN Foundation, Wo Bank, High-Level Climate Champer Room: Frangipani The new IMO GHG strategy aim achieve net zero emissions "by around 2050", including a global standard and a sector-wide "emissions pricing mechanism would global price on GHG emissions support developing countries in transitioning to greener technologies. It is crucial to understand the ongoing negotiat the IMO and the challenges a opportunities that arise with the transition to a green future for shipping industry and the supple chains it serves. This event will highlight and discuss key policies the International Maritime Organization that can help addithe concerns of developing couland create opportunities for the countries in shipping's energy transition. Welcome Address	Moderators: Pamela UGAZ and Maria BOLOTNIKOV Room: Poinsettia This session marks the closure of UNCTAD's first Innovation Challenge. It will feature 4 of the 6 finalists and their innovative proposals aiming to make supply chains greener, more efficient, and resilient. The finalists will be accompanied by sector experts, and together with the public, they will explore how these innovations can be further enhanced and implemented. During this session, the topic of the 2026 Supply Chain Innovation Challenge will be voted on live by the public and announced. Speakers • Tadiwanashe Mutibura, Winner of the First Innovation Challenge • Cristina Martín, CEO, USYNCRO Millie Ogden, Founder,	Parallel Session C12: Decent Work in supply chains: Challenges and opportunities related to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 Organizer: ILO Room: Bougainvillea Seafarers are essential for the functioning of supply chains with over 80% of the world's international trade transported by sea. Adopted in 2006, the MLC, often called the "seafarers' bill of rights", aims at ensuring decent living and working conditions for seafarers and a level-playing field for shipowners. The MLC fosters social dialogue between governments, shipowners and seafarers by providing a platform for inclusive discussions and negotiations. When it came into force in 2013, it significantly strengthened the governance of social aspects of the sector by establishing comprehensive standards and a strong enforcement mechanism. Today, with 105 ratifications, the MLC has become the fourth pilar of the international maritime regime together with key IMO conventions. What are the challenges and opportunities presented by the MLC in the context of supply chains, including during recent crises? Moderator	Parallel Session D12: 3rd NTFC Global Forum-Closing ceremony Room: Marigold Speakers Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL, UNCTAD Representative, NTFC, Barbados

Katherine Palmer, Maritime Lead, High Level Climate Champions	Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation	Shingo Miyake, Labour Law and International Labour Standards Specialist, ILO Port of Spain	
Moderator		Speakers	
 Kerrlene Wills, Director for Ocean and Climate Presentations Rico Salgmann, Transport Specialist, World Bank Onno Hoffmeister, Chief of Statistics Production Unit, UNCTAD Speakersc Alexis Rodriguez, Regional Head of Energy Transition Execution LAM, Maersk Darlin Gaitan, Commissioner Belize Port Authority Philip Julien, CEO and Chairman Kenesjay Green Vivian Rambarath Parasram, Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre 		 Helio Vicente, Director of Employment Affairs, International Chamber of Shipping Fabrizio Barcellona, Coordinator, Seafarers and Inland Navigation Section, International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Gail Ann King, Unicomber, Barbados 	

Day 4: Friday, 24 May
Charting New Horizons: Gender Equality in Supply Chains - Challenges and Opportunities
Organizers: UNCTAD
Plenary Room
This session will discuss the role women play in supply chains today and the barriers they face in typically male-dominated sectors such as maritime transport, ports, customs and others. This reality limits women's potential contribution to supply chains and challenges the industry's growth. The panellists will explore the sector's untapped opportunities and explore solutions for current challenges.
This session is a call to action to create tangible and long-lasting effects on women's role in supply chains through policy changes and public-private partnerships.
Moderator
Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
Keynote
Gilbert F. Houngbo, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)
Speakers
Rebeca Grynspan, UNCTAD Secretary-General
Natalie O. Sandiford, President, WIMAC Barbados Chapter (Maritime transport, port)
Anne Marie Van den Berg, Assistant Secretary-General for Supply Chain Management, OSCM (Procurement)
Naa Densua Aryeetey, Global Advisor for Women In Logistics and Transport (WiLAT).
Milaika Capella-Ras, General Manager, Caribbean Shipping Association
Coffee break
Presentation of outcomes to the plenary
Organizers: UNCTAD and the Government of Barbados The key insights, good practices, and outcomes will be shared with the plenary and streamed globally
Moderator
Charalle N. Civing and P. Division on Tachardens and Lavistica UNIT and and Davidson and
Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Trade and Development
Outcomes of the First UN Global Supply Chain Forum
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Closing Ceremony

UNCTAD response to PM Mottley's call for the 2024 Global Supply Chain Forum

• Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Trade and Development

Host Government of Barbados closing remarks

• Kerrie Symmonds, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados

SPECIAL PARALLEL SESSIONS REQUIRING REGISTRATION

Services and Data Workshop, by Invitation – Tuesday, 21st May 9h to 18h and Wednesday, 22nd May 9:00 to 12:00h Organizer: DITC UNCTAD

Room Marigold on 21 May and Marigold Annex on 22 May

The kick-off workshop to launch the Development Account project 'Strengthening capacity for evidence-based policymaking and the economic resilience of CARICOM.' This exclusive workshop focuses on advancing the capacity and data infrastructure of selected CARICOM member States to enhance evidence-based policymaking for resilience and transformational change in services. Trade in services is pivotal for economic development, particularly amidst challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and climate disasters. Our objectives include highlighting the significance of services for economic diversification, sharing best practices in compiling trade statistics, identifying priority sectors and data gaps, and discussing the project's workplan. This invitation-only event will gather experts from beneficiary countries, including statistical and policy experts and representatives from CARICOM, UN Barbados, OECS, ACS, and their members.

Working Breakfast ACS and CAF, by invitation -Thursday, 23rd May 8:00 to 10:00h

Organizer: ACS and CAF Room Marigold Annex

Port Endeavor Game – Wednesday, 22nd May 15:00 to 17:00h

Organizer: International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) and UNCTAD (Mark Assaf)

Room Marigold Annex

NOTE: Registration is required for this special session.

A limited number of places is available (42 = 6 groups of 7 participants).

The Port Endeavor game provides a fresh take on how to implement best practices and increase long-term port development, enhancing international cooperation and supply chain productivity. The game, developed by the International Association of Ports and Harbors, the Port of Antwerp-Bruges and UNCTAD TrainForTrade programme, draws on real-life port case-studies integrating the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The game increases awareness on how ports apply the UN SDGs to their business.

In this session, participants will play the game addressing today's pressing issues across the maritime world. Participants will collaborate as a team to create the most sustainable port. Each team must make smart choices and implement as many of the UN SDGs as possible.

"African SIDS' Ports and the Energy Transition", private meeting by invitation – Thursday, 23rd May 10:00 to 12:00h

Organizers: UNCTAD and Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

Room Marigold Annex

This private meeting aims to gather representatives from African Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to discuss results from UNCTAD's ongoing project on Sustainable Smart Port (SSP) for Africa and explore synergies with IOC's program and Ministerial mandate of greening of ports. The focus will be on African SIDS. This invitation-only event will gather port experts from Cabo Verde, Comoros, Mauritius, São Tomé and Príncipe and Seychelles as well as representatives from IOC and UNCTAD (African Development Bank and African Union TBC)

UNCTAD-UK WCO Working Lunch - Thursday, 23rd May 12:30-14:00

Organizer: Trade Facilitation Section

Room: Marigold Annex

This working lunch session will bring together representatives from HM Revenue and Customs of the United Kingdom, the Trade Facilitation Section of UNCTAD, World Customs Organization (WCO) and NTFC members from partner countries, to facilitate discussions on the progress achieved, as well as upcoming needs and priorities for the <u>Accelerate Trade</u> Facilitation Programme.

Getting to Zero Coalition Workshop: Policy Action to Enable Just & Equitable Transition and Unlock Global Opportunities by invitation – Thursday, 23rd May 14:00-16:00

Organizer: Getting to Zero Coalition

Room: Marigold Annex

To facilitate shipping's energy transition, ambitious industry action must align with national, regional, and international policies yet concerns exist over potential negative impacts on their impact on ensuring the transition is just and equitable. This interactive workshop aims to highlight the role of both policy frameworks and industry action to support a just and equitable energy transition, zooming in on trade costs, global fuel production opportunities, and support for lower-income countries' mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Interactive Exploration of Port and Customs Operations (Technical visit) – Thursday, 23rd May 11:00-12:00

Organizer: UNCTAD ASYCUDA and Barbados

NOTE: Registration is required for this special session.

This engaging, hands-on tour, organized in collaboration with the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) and the Barbados Port Authority, provides a detailed insight into the intricate operations at the port and customs facilities. Participants will have the chance to explore the functioning of these systems up close, gaining an invaluable understanding of maritime trade and customs protocols.

Transforming compromise into action: 6th month review of the Action Plan for the NTFC Chair and Secretariat by invitation – Friday, 24th May 9:00 to 10:30h Organizer: Trade Facilitation Section

Room Marigold Annex

This session brings together the members of NTFC Chairs and Secretariats from Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, and Peru to present the implementation of the commitments made during the Regional Executive Training held in Lima in November 2023. This regional workshop was organized by UNCTAD with the financial support of HM Revenue & Customs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (HC3MRC), with the purpose of providing training on how to efficiently run and chair an NTFC. Using the Reform Tracker, participants will present the implementation of activities in the fields of monitoring and evaluation, resource mobilization and inter-agency communication, among others.

International Food Service Centre Visit by invitation

Wednesday, 22 May at 14:30