International trade has been an engine for development for decades. However, trade has not been inclusive and has contributed to increased inequalities between and within countries. A shift is needed to make sure that the benefits from international trade become inclusive. This initiative aims to support Governments to select the right ingredients for their “recipe” to achieve structural economic transformation with inclusive growth and sustainable development.

This session will build support for the trade High Impact Initiative, including through building commitments for forward, regular, sufficient and predictable financing. Additionally, the session will sensitize Member States and development partners to the change in narrative needed for development policy formulation and gain buy in and support for this shift.

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• Hon. Mr. Rui Miguêns de Oliveira, Minister of Industry and Commerce of Angola  
• Hon. Mr. Njuguna Ndung’u, Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury & Economic Planning (Minister of Finance) of Kenya  
• Hon. Mr. Simplex Chithyola Banda, Minister of Trade and Industry of Malawi  
• Hon. Ms. Sarah Ryglewski, Minister of State to the Federal Chancellor of Germany  
• Mr. Li Junhua, UNDESA Under-Secretary General  
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• H.E. Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations in New York, Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias  
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