



High-impact trade initiatives for accelerating the SDGs

8–9 May 2023

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PROGRAMME

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10 – 10.15 a.m.

Opening of the UN Trade Forum 2023

Opening Remarks

Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Video message on the SDG Summit 2023

10.15 – 12 p.m.

SESSION 1

The South-South trade partnership for accelerating the SDGs achievement

Keynote

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, former UNCTAD Secretary-General (video)

Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP) among developing countries in accelerating SDGs in the current global context

President, the GSTP Committee of Participants (tbc)

Mrs. Miho Shirotori, Acting Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

Commentators

H.E. Mrs. Maimuna Tarishi, G-77 Coordinator and Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

Mr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre, Geneva

Mr. Craig VanGrasstek, Trade Consultant and Adjunct Lecturer, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, tralac, and Member of the UN Committee on Trade Policy





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Session 2

Building a sustainable ocean economy for development

Launch of the *Trade and Environment Review 2023*

- Chair: **H.E. Ms. Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Keynote: **H.E. Mr. Francisco André**, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal (tbc)
- Speakers **Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier**, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch (TED), DITC, UNCTAD
- Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Chief of Section, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch (TED), DITC, UNCTAD
- Mr. Audun Lem**, Deputy Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO (by video)
- Commentators: **H.E. Mr. Jérôme Bonnafont**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva and Co-convener to the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference
- H.E. Mrs. Shara Duncan Villalobos**, Ambassador of Costa Rica and Chargé d'affaires, Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva and Co-convener to the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference
- Mr. Awni Behnam**, Honorary President, International Ocean Institute



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SESSION 3

SDG 12 Sustainable consumption and production: the contribution of competition and consumer policies

Launch of UNCTAD report: *Competition, Consumer Protection and Sustainability 2023*

Speakers:

Ms. Thezi R. Mabuza, Deputy Commissioner, National Consumer Commission, South Africa
Ms. Natalie Harsdorf-Borsch, Director-General, Austrian Federal Competition Authority (tbc)
Ms. Ninette K. Mwarania, Manager, Planning, Policy and Research, Kenya (tbc)
Mr. Ioannis Lianos, President of the Hellenic Competition Commission (tbc)
Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head, One Planet Network, UN Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), United Nations Environment Programme
Ms. Carmen Ligia Valderrama, Professor, Universidad del Externado, Colombia

Moderator:

Ms. Teresa Moreira, Chief of Service, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch (CCPB), DITC, UNCTAD

3 – 5 p.m.

SESSION 4

Gender gaps and digital solutions

Launch of UNCTAD Policy Review: *E-commerce from a gender and development perspective*

Speakers:

H.E. Mrs. Sofia Boza Martinez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO
Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, tralac
Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Executive Director, IT for Change
Mr. Christian Volpe Martincus, Principal Economist, Integration and Trade Sector, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli, Chief, Trade, Gender and Development Programme, DITC, UNCTAD

Moderator:

Ms. Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, CEO and Founder, Women at the Table