



Accelerating climate-smart trade and investment for sustainable development: Global Launch of Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2021

11 October 2021

Hybrid mode: Room W, Geneva, Switzerland & virtual link



Background

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss accelerating climate-smart trade and investment for sustainable development based on the new Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2021 on this topic, jointly prepared by ESCAP, UNCTAD and UNEP. Climate action has been designated by the UN Secretary General as both a priority and a driver of the decade. To address the worsening climate crisis, there is a need for trade and investment policies that can more directly support reducing GHG emissions, while preserving trade and investment as key engines of growth and sustainable development.

Tentative Programme¹

10:00 – 10:10	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, ESCAP Executive Secretary○ H.E. Mr. Damien O'Connor, New Zealand's Minister for Trade and Export Growth and H.E. Mr. James Shaw, New Zealand's Minister of Climate Change.○ Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
10:10 – 10:30	APTIR 2021: Overview of APTIR 2021 and Main Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation, ESCAP
10:30 – 11:25	Panel discussion on accelerating climate-smart trade and investment Moderated by Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment, WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Clare Kelly, Assistant Secretary and WTO Permanent Representative-designate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand○ H.E. Ms. Pimchanok Vonkorpon Pitfield, Ambassador and permanent representative of Thailand to the WTO and WIPO○ Mr. Noor Md. Mahbubul Haq, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh○ Mr. Bud Darr, Executive Vice President, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, MSC GROUP○ Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD○ Mr. Steven Stone, Chief, Resources and Markets Branch, Economy Division, UNEP
	Q & A
11:25 – 11:30	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Rupa Chanda, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP

¹ For the version of the latest programme, please go to https://www.unescap.org/events/2021/APTIR2021_Launch