

Trade, Investment and Climate Change: Searching for Progress on Key Issues

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9h00–9h30: Introduction

- Welcome; purpose of event
- Similarity between the roots of the climate and trade multilateral impasses
- Increasing urgency of climate change as driver of policy
- Unlikelihood of multilateral solution in medium term
- Need for international cooperation on trade-related climate policies

9h30–11h30 Session One: Green industrial policy

Does climate change bring anything new to the old arguments over industrial policy? Are there implications for trade and investment law?

Chair: **Aaron Cosbey**, Associate and Senior Advisor, IISD

Richard Newfarmer, Country Director, Rwanda, World Bank International Growth Centre: What is “smart” industrial policy? Can it be done successfully? Can it be replicated?

Luca Rubini, Deputy-Director, Institute of European Law Birmingham Law School: What does trade law say on subsidies for renewable energy technologies? What *should* it say?

Vice Yu, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre: What role for intellectual property rights (IPRs) in addressing climate change and the need for sustainable development?

Daniel Peat, IISD: What institutions might complement the WTO in addressing green industrial policy?

11h45–13h30 Session Two: New thinking on competitiveness and leakage

Unilateral action on climate change will probably mean the need to protect some sectors. Can this be done in a way that is effective and respects the principles of trade law?

Chair: **Ingrid Jegou**, Manager, ICTSD Global Platform on Trade and Climate Change

John Barrett, Chair of Sustainability Research, Leeds University: Accounting for carbon at the point of consumption: What does the evidence show us?

Peter Wooders, Senior Climate Economist, IISD: Sectoral approaches: What can the steel sector tell us?

Lutz Weischer, Research Analyst, Climate and Energy Program, World Resources Institute: Border carbon adjustment: An international agreement on best practice?

Chuck Verill, Partner, Wiley Rein and Professor at Duke School of Law: GHG intensity standards: Legal? Effective?

13h30–15h00 Catered lunch

15h00–17h15 Session Three: A Role for the Trade Community?

We need institutional space to discuss legality, propriety of unilateral trade-related climate action. Under what circumstances could the WTO play a positive role? What other institutions/venues/approaches might be useful?

Chair: **Patrick Low**, Director, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO

Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng, Permanent Representative to the WTO, Singapore

Joost Pauwelyn, Professor of International Economic Law, The Graduate Institute

Raymond Saner, Director, CSEND

Vesile Kulaçoğlu, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO

Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Executive Director, ICTSD

Mark Halle, European Director, IISD

17h15: Conclusion of the event, cocktail

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