

Workshop Agenda

TRADE IMPACTS OF FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES

Geneva, Friday 05 October 2018, 09:00 to 17:00
Villa Barton, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

DRAFT AGENDA

08.45-09.00	Welcoming (& possibility of breakfast)
09.00-09.20	<p>Introduction Opening remarks by Ambassador David Walker, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the WTO</p> <p>Opening remarks by Peter Wooders, Director Energy at International Institute for Sustainable Development</p>
09.20-11.00	<p>Session 1: The fuel subsidy context in trade & climate change regimes <i>Moderated by Anja von Moltke (Head Environment & Trade, UNEP)</i></p> <p>Tom Moerenhout (Global Subsidies Initiative - IISD): Dual pricing schemes under international trade & investment agreements.</p> <p>Manuel Sanchez (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies): Fossil fuel subsidies and energy consumption: Why are differentiated tax regimes vulnerable under WTO law? -</p> <p>Vintura Silva (UNFCCC): Addressing negative impacts of subsidy removal to facilitate higher climate change ambitions under Paris commitments.</p> <p>Harro van Asselt (Stockholm Environment Institute): Promoting fossil fuel subsidy reform through international trade agreements: A political economy perspective.</p>
11.00 -11.20	Coffee break
11.20-13.00	<p>Session 2: Trade impacts of fuel subsidies and their reform <i>Moderated by Aik Hoe Lim (Director Trade and Environment Division, WTO)</i></p> <p>Habtamu Fuje (Columbia University): Fuel subsidy reforms, transportation costs and commodity price dispersion.</p> <p>Manal Shehabi (Oxford Institute for Energy Studies): Is energy subsidy reform in an oil-exporter small economy beneficial to trade? The case of Kuwait.</p> <p>Louise Roos (Victoria University): Subsidy reform in Saudi Arabia: A CGE analysis.</p>

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-16.00 **Session 3: Trade impacts of fuel subsidies and their reform (continued)**
Moderated by Peter Wooders (Director Energy, IISD)

Ron Steenblik & Assia Elgouacem (OECD): The long decline in European subsidized coal production: What were the trade effects?

Fan Zhang (World Bank): Analyzing the effect of energy costs on manufacturing exports: How important are intermediate goods?

David Laborde (IFPRI): Agriculture, fossil fuel subsidies and trade

Kangni Roland Kpodar (IMF): Domestic fuel price changes and export growth in developing countries.

16.00-16.20 Coffee break

16.20-17.00 **Session 4: Discussion, conclusion and next steps (publication & research agenda)**

LOGISTICAL NOTE

The workshop will take place in the Villa Barton of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. The Villa is based in Rue de Lausanne 132, next to the WTO. The Villa Barton campus is accessible by public transportation, from both the Sécheron bus stop (bus 1 and 25) and the Butini tram stop (tram 15). It takes about a ten-minute walk from both stops.

Breakfast, coffee breaks and lunch will be provided for all participants.

