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Session Type: Panel Discussions

Session Title

Presentation and panel discussion of the first of the Joint Task Force on Climate Action, Carbon Pricing and Policy Spillovers "Working Together for Better Climate Action"

Session Description

During the event a landmark report of the Joint Task Force on Climate Action, Carbon Pricing, and Policy Spillovers will be discussed. The Joint Task Force was convened by the WTO and was joined by the IMF, OECD, World Bank, UNCTAD, and UNFCCC. The report introduces a common understanding of carbon pricing metrics and analyses the optimal mix of climate change mitigation policies. Furthermore, the report emphasizes the pivotal role of carbon pricing and analyses how international organizations can support the coordination of policies to maximize positive and limit negative cross-border spillovers of climate policies. Finally, it shows how such coordination can help to scale up climate action by closing the transparency gap, the implementation gap, and the ambition gap.

Link to the report: https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/climate_action_e.pdf

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (opening remarks)
- Ralph Ossa, Chief Economist, WTO (presentation)
- Dora Benedek, Division Chief, Climate Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Jo Tyndall, Director of the Environment Directorate, OECD
- Chantal Line Carpentier, Head of Trade, Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, UNCTAD
- Stéphane Hallegatte, Senior Climate Change Advisor, The World Bank
- Kurt van Dender, Head of Tax Policy and Statistics Division, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD (to be confirmed)
- Selwin Hart, Assistant Secretary General and Climate Envoy, UN (closing remarks)
- Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO (moderator)