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Session Title

Who's Afraid of Carbon Leakage?

Session Description

As the pace of climate ambition is gradually picking up, so are the concerns about the competitive impact to the industries in the countries adopting carbon pricing. Fears about carbon – and competitiveness – leakage have created serious considerations in many capitals about the ways to address this challenge. While taxing carbon at the border (the famous CBAM!) is one of them, this is not the only alternative moving ahead. Multiple governments are solving a difficult puzzle where a range of trade instruments are on the table waiting to be matched to country-specific situation. This interactive session will dive into trade challenges of industrial decarbonization in the world without global carbon price, analyzing alternatives available to governments taking climate action yet cautious about carbon leakage: subsidies, product standards, and border carbon adjustments.

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- **Opening Remarks:** Patricia Fuller, CEO, IISD
- **Moderator:** Alice Tipping, Director, Sustainable Trade, IISD
- Jo Tyndall, Director of the Environment Directorate, OECD
- Ardhi Wardhana, Climate & Energy Economics Researcher, CSIS
- Benoit Desforges, Chair of the ISO Environmental Management Subcommittee on Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Management