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**Session Type:** Panel Discussions

## Session Title

Trade-related assistance for climate action

## Session Description

Developing economies are among the most vulnerable to the devastating impacts of climate change. They are in the unique position of pursuing their development goals while simultaneously adapting to and mitigating climate change. This session will discuss ways to ensure that policies to advance green trade are consistent with development objectives. The ongoing Action on Climate and Trade (ACT) initiative by the WTO Secretariat, the World Bank and the World Economic Forum, as well as other capacity building efforts, will be presented as a starting point to discuss a range of trade policy options that governments can use to enhance their climate mitigations and adaptation strategies to meet their climate objectives under the Paris Agreement while ensuring a just transition that brings about development goals. The session will address the following questions: (i) what are the unique needs of developing economies and LDCs to respond to climate crisis; (ii) what are possible trade policy tools that could be employed by developing economies to better adapt to, and mitigate, climate change; and (iii) how can green trade policies be designed to ensure that developing economies benefit from new competitive opportunities in green value chains.

## Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- **Moderator:** Sajal Mathur, Counsellor, Trade & Environment Division, World Trade Organization
- Daniela Garcia, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the WTO
- Sebastien Dessus, Practice Manager in Global Trade Unit, World Bank
- Matthew Stephenson, Head, Investment and Services, World Economic Forum
- Ana Batalhone, Programme Officer, International Trade Centre
- Guillaume Barberousse, Head of Sustainability department, PROPARCO (Groupe AFD)