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Session Title

Advancing a Just Transition and Securing New Opportunities for the LDCs

Session Description

There are just five years remaining to secure the Sustainable Development Goals and achieve trade-related gains, while maintaining the Paris Agreement target of limiting global temperature rise to below 1.5° Celsius. Trade is an important tool for securing development and climate objectives for the least developed countries (LDCs). However, some unilateral climate policy measures are considered to work in the opposite direction with potential negative spillover effects, dubbed the “green squeeze”. As part of the process of mitigating this "squeeze", new opportunities are arising – from supplying new markets; future-proofing investments in green productive capacity; and better aligning the flow of climate finance with other investments in productive capacity, especially for the LDCs. This session seeks to highlight some practical entry points within the global green transition to assist in more of a green ease than a squeeze: securing new market opportunities for the LDCs. It aims to cover the following non-exhaustive thematic areas: 1. Technology transfer; 2. Carbon pricing, including taxation; 3. Sustainability standards; 4. Environmentally friendly goods and services; 5. Connecting stakeholders with new sources of investment and finance. The overarching objective is to change some of the current dynamics and move away from a potential green squeeze to move to a green ease: a transformative agenda that boosts green credentials, competitiveness and sustainable structural economic transformation.

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Moderator: Mr Michael Jacobs, Senior Fellow, ODI Global
- E. Ms Romina Pourmokhtari, Minister for Climate and Environment, Sweden
- E. Mr Mike Mposha, Minister of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia
- E. Ms Rohey John-Manjang, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources, The Gambia
- Mr Sanish Kulkarni, Representative; World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) Presidency

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