

Spotlight on International Collaboration to Accelerate Decarbonisation

Virtual on Zoom and in Room W

19 October 2022 9:30 – 11:00 CET

This event is being organized in the context of "Trade and Environment Week 2022".

Abstract:

The world is expected to build the equivalent of another New York City every month for the next 40 years. In order to keep the 1.5C Paris Target alive, reducing the carbon intensity of globally traded materials, like steel, is key to achieving this.

This UK event aims to bring discussions on decarbonisation to as wide of a membership base as possible, via WTO Environment Week, to spotlight the progress being made through the Breakthrough Agenda on global steel decarbonisation. The event will showcase how countries working together through international initiatives, such as the Breakthrough Agenda and International Deep Decarbonisation Initiative, can accelerate decarbonisation, create new markets for low-carbon products, and meet climate goals.

This event also brings together insight from international organisations and country views, to continue to promote the need for shared progress, further collaboration and increased involvement, as well as heightening ambition through these forums.

Furthermore, this event will touch on the role and impact of trade on this issue, and how strengthened international cooperation also reduces the risk of trade-related issues, such as carbon leakage.

Panel:

Speakers

Stephanie Edwards, UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), UK

Will Hall, International Energy Agency (IEA), Paris

Rana Ghoneim, Chief, Energy Systems and Infrastructure Division, UNIDO

Michael Buechl, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany

Mattias Frumerie, Swedish Government

Moderator: Ambassador Simon Manley, UK Mission to the WTO, UN and Other International Organisations, Geneva

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The event will be held on Zoom and in Room W at the WTO premises.