

## Trade and Climate Change Adaptation

Virtual via Zoom and in Room W

19 October 2022      13:15 – 14:45 CET

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

### Abstract:

Climate change is already re-shaping our world, but affects different regions in different ways. It is raising new challenges to the global economy and is changing historical patterns of international trade. Extreme weather events can severely damage infrastructure in specific places, temporarily or permanently cutting communities and countries off from trade opportunities. Gradual temperature rise can increase agricultural trade volatility, through increased risk of simultaneous failure of crops, but can also disrupt international shipping routes and the marine environment, reshaping the tourism sector.

While it is clear that climate change will drive changes in international trade, international trade can also have a role to play in efforts to adapt to climate change. This discussion is still nascent, and demands a closer look at the range of diverse impacts that climate change can have across the globe and how adaptation takes place.

Discussion at IISD's session on "Trade and climate change adaptation" will highlight the climate change adaptation planning process, as well as the key adaptation needs emerging in developing and least developed countries. It will then examine possible ways in which trade can support the adaptation actions and enhance economic resilience.

### Panel:

#### Speakers

Amb. Nella Pepe Tavita-Levy, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the World Trade Organisation

Anne Hammill, Senior Director of the Resilience Program, IISD

Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue

Joel Richards, Senior Technical Specialist – Trade, Permanent Delegation of OECS

Moderation: Alice Tipping, Lead, Sustainable Trade and Fisheries Subsidies, IISD

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