

TESSD HIGH-LEVEL STOCKTAKING EVENT

Friday, 2 December 2022, 10:00–13:00, Room W

In December 2021, Co-sponsors of the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD) launched a Ministerial Statement (WT/MIN(21)/6/Rev.2) recognizing that international trade and trade policy must support environmental and climate goals and agreeing to work towards concrete actions to expand opportunities for environmentally sustainable trade. In 2022, Co-sponsors agreed on a TESSD Work Plan and advanced discussions in plenary sessions as well as in four working groups on trade-related climate measures, environmental goods and services, circular economy – circularity and subsidies.

The objective of this high-level event is to take stock on progress made in discussions since the launch of the TESSD Ministerial Statement, as well as to signal priorities for the work going forward towards MC13.

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High-Level Opening

- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, WTO
- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, ITC

Stocktaking by the TESSD Co-convenors

The TESSD Co-convenors will take stock of discussions held in plenary meetings and the four informal working groups in 2022 and present a Coordinators' Statement outlining work going forward.

- Nadia Theodore, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Canada to the WTO
- Ronald Saborío, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the WTO

Trade Policy, Sustainable Trade and Climate Change

Complementing the stocktaking of the Co-convenors, this panel will focus on climate change and development issues covered in TESSD discussions. Speakers will elaborate on possible trade-related solutions and actions on climate change and the challenges and opportunities for developing countries and LDCs for sustainable trade.

- Sofía Boza, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO
- Muhammadou Kah, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the WTO
- Clare Kelly, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the WTO
- Petter Ølberg, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Norway to the WTO

Statements by Ambassadors

Members will contribute to the stocktaking by sharing their views on discussions and priorities in TESSD.

Stakeholder Views and Perspectives

Closing Remarks

- Jean-Marie Paugam, Deputy Director-General, WTO

Moderator: Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO