



**CCICED Scoping Study
Sustainable Trade
Experts Meeting Agenda
(draft as of 30 March)**

31 March 2022

8:30-10:30 EST / 14:30-16:30 CET / 20:30-22:30 BJT

Moderator: Joe Zhang, Senior Law Advisor, IISD

8:30-8:40 EST **Opening Comments**

14:30-14:40 CET

20:30-20:40 BJT

John Hancock, Head, Policy Development and Strategic Planning,
World Trade Organization Secretariat

Bernice Lee, Research Director, Futures, Chatham House

8:40-9:15 EST

14:40-15:15 CET

20:40-21:15 BJT

Moderated discussions: Green Industrial Policy

In recent years, there's been growing support in many countries for "green industrial policies" that can fast-track the technological, production, and infrastructure advances needed to shift to sustainable, low carbon economies. But there are also concerns that these green industrial policies could conflict with international trade rules and have negative spillovers for other countries. Some questions that speakers may want to address include:

- Why this new interest in green industrial policies? And do they help – or hinder?
- Is this new wave of green industrial policies actually "new" and "green"? Or are they simply "green washing" old-style industrial policies?
- How to maximize synergies between trade and green industrial policies – and how to minimize conflicts?

Speakers' presentations (5 minute each) will be followed by 15 minutes of discussion.

Introduction and theme setting:

John Hancock, Head, Policy Development and Strategic Planning,
World Trade Organization Secretariat

Speakers:

Pascal Lamy, Former Director-General of the World Trade Organization

Isabelle Ramdoo, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining,
Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF), International
Institute for Sustainable Development

TU Xinquan, Dean, China Institute for WTO Studies, University of
International Business and Economics

9:15-09:50 EST

15:15-15:50 CET

21:15-21:50 BJT

Moderated discussions: Zero Deforestation

Roughly 80 million hectares of forests have been destroyed since 1990s, and the deforestation is continuing at the rate of roughly ten million hectares per year. Trade plays an important role in halting and reversing forest loss and land degradation as noted by government leaders in the recently signed Glasgow Declaration on Forests and Land Use. One option is for government to adopt domestic trade measures to stop imports that may be linked with deforestation. Recent years have also witnessed a number of important new private sector pledges to tackle deforestation. Some questions that speakers may want to address in this session include:

- How and to what extent domestic measures would be align with WTO and other existing trade agreements?
- Are voluntary pledges better than binding norms?
- How to effectively mobilize private actors to contribute to the zero-deforestation targets?

Speakers' presentations (5 minute each) will be followed by 15 minutes of discussion.

Introduction and theme setting:

Bernice Lee, Research Director, Chatham House

Speakers:

WANG Guosheng, Forestry and Grassland Inventory and Planning
Institute, National Forestry and Grassland Administration

Dimitri de Boer, Chief Representative for China ClientEarth, Special
Advisor to CCICED, Team Leader of EU – China Environment Project

DONG Ke, China-Global Engagement Director, The Nature
Conservancy

Emine Isciel, Head of Climate and Environment, Storebrand Asset
Management (TBC)

09:50-10:20 EST
15:50-16:20 CET
21:50-22:20 BJT

Moderated discussions: Plastics and Circular Economy

At the March 2022 UNEA-5 convened by UNEP, governments agreed to a plastic pollution resolution that will begin international negotiations towards a new global plastics treaty. The resolution highlights the importance of various domestic measures to tackle plastics pollution, including through more sustainable production and consumption. In light of WTO's ongoing work in this area, this session will focus on how to address global plastic pollution through production, consumption and trade. Some questions that speakers may want to address include:

- What is the role of trade policy in helping to tackle plastic pollution?
- How can trade and circular economy actions build synergies?

Speakers' presentations (5 minute each) will be followed by 15 minutes of discussion.

Introduction and theme setting:

John Hancock, Head, Policy Development and Strategic Planning, World Trade Organization Secretariat

Speakers:

LI Daoji, Professor of State Key Lab. of Estuarine and Coastal Research and director of Plastic Marine Debris Research Centre, East China Normal University

LI Jinhui, Executive Director of Basel Convention Regional Center for Asia and the Pacific, and professor in School of Environment of Tsinghua University

Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Director, Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs (TESS), Graduate Institute's Global Governance Centre in Geneva

10:20-10:30 EST
16:20-16:30 CET
22:20-22:30 BJT

Closing Comments

John Hancock, Head, Policy Development and Strategic Planning, WTO Secretariat

Bernice Lee, Research Director, Futures, Chatham House