

Making the International Trading System Work for Climate Change: Assessing the Options

Thursday 19th October 2017, Crozet, France (close to Geneva)

Workshop Background

The adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015 created a new context for the interface between climate change and trade policy. Various measures with trade consequences are contemplated in the national climate pledges put forward under the Agreement, and calls for trade measures have intensified following the announcement that the United States will withdraw from the Agreement.

This changing context draws attention to the role of the international trading system in the response to climate change, including the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as regional and plurilateral trade agreements. Though much emphasis has been placed on how international trade rules could conflict with climate policies in the wake of the rulings on renewable energy subsidies, this workshop seeks to explore how the trading system could make a positive contribution towards achieving climate objectives.

The workshop* will bring together practitioners and researchers from the climate and trade communities for an in-depth and substantive discussion, focusing on options related to border carbon adjustments, fossil fuel subsidies, as well as options addressing institutional relations between climate and trade. The workshop will present interim findings on those options from an ongoing Climate Strategies project, with a view to informing and engaging trade and climate policy-makers.

**This workshop is part of the Climate Strategies project, "Making the International Trading System Work for Climate Change" funded by the KR Foundation. Further information can be found on the project [website](#).*

Programme

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Venue: Villa du Lac at Jiva Hill Resort

Route d'Harée, 01170 Crozet, France: <https://goo.gl/maps/5vynArFU7j12>

9:30-10:00	Opening and introduction to the workshop Hubert René Schillinger, Director, FES Geneva Office Andrzej Błachowicz, Managing Director, Climate Strategies
10:00-11:00	Keynote speech(es) James Bacchus, UCF Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity Steven Stone, UNEP Economy and Trade Branch
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:45	Border carbon adjustments in a post-Paris world Michael Mehling, Deputy Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Responses from stakeholders: Ludivine Tamiotti, World Trade Organisation (WTO) Dominique Bureau, Economic Council for Sustainable Development, French Ministry of Ecology
12:45-14:15	Lunch Break
14:15-15:45	Addressing fossil fuel subsidies within the international trading system Prof. Harro van Asselt, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Cleo Verkuijl, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Responses from stakeholders: Amb. David Walker, Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the WTO Maarit Saastamoinen, Permanent Mission of Finland to Geneva
15:45-16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00-17:30	How to make the international trading system more supportive for the Paris Agreement? Dr Kasturi Das, Associate Professor, Economics and International Business, Institute of Management Technology (IMT), Ghaziabad Responses from stakeholders: Amb. Kyung-lim Choi, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the WTO Claudia Weiss, Permanent Mission of the EU to the WTO
17:30-18:00	Workshop closing and wrap-up