

## WTO Committee on Trade and Environment

### Trade contributions to energy transition efforts concerning climate adaptation and mitigation

13 November 2023, 10:00 - 13.00 hrs. (CET), WTO, Room CR and Zoom

#### Background for speakers

This brief provides further information about the event and guidelines for connecting via Zoom.

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#### Programme at-a-glance

##### 1. Introductory remarks by moderators

- **Ms Anna Vitie**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland
- **Ms Erika Watanabe Patriota**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil

##### 2. Panel discussion on trade contributions to energy transition

- **Ms Araceli Fernandez Pales**, Head of Technology Innovation Unit, IEA
- **Mr Andres Valenciano Yamuni**, Director for the Washington DC office, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- **Ms An Qi**, Associate Research Professor, Renewable Energy Development Research Center, Energy Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Macroeconomic Research
- **Ms Enja Sæthren**, Head of Government Relations and Support Mechanisms, Scatec
- **Mr James Irungu Mwangi**, CEO, Africa Climate Ventures

##### 3. Q&A and discussion by Members

- Members are invited to react to the presentations and respond to the guiding questions.

##### 4. Closing remarks by moderators

- **Ms Anna Vitie**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland
- **Ms Erika Watanabe Patriota**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil

#### Guidance for speakers

- **Keep it short.** The presenters are requested to respect the time limits for their interventions (approx. 15 min for the first round of questions and 3 min for the second round of questions).
- **Keep it focused.** The speakers are invited to provide three main takeaways at the end of their presentation.
- **Share the presentation/statement in advance.** All the speakers are advised to share their presentations / statements in advance and, if possible, by 10 November for efficient preparation of the meeting, including for the interpreters.

#### Guiding questions for the discussion

The following guiding questions have been formulated with a view to facilitating Members' discussions:

- How can trade and trade-related policy tools contribute to a just, climate resilient, low-carbon energy transition? Which goods, services and technologies can support efforts to increase the proportion of renewable sources in national energy mixes?
- What trade-related measures have Members taken? What kind of approaches have worked? What are the specific opportunities and challenges faced by developing countries?
- What is the WTO's role in promoting these tools and providing an institutional framework?
- From a business perspective, what are the main trade-related opportunities and challenges? What could governments do to support the transition?

## **Biographies of speakers**

### **Moderators**

#### **Ms Anna Vitie, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Finland**

Ms Anna Vitie is Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO, UNCTAD and WIPO in the Permanent Mission of Finland. She brings over 17 years of experience in trade and development. Prior to that she served as Minister Counsellor in the Embassy of Finland in Beijing (2017 – 2020). She also served as a Counsellor and Adviser in the Department for Development Policy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (2013 – 2017). Ms Vitie held diplomatic postings in the Permanent Mission of Finland in New York (2009 – 2013) and Embassy of Finland in Cairo (2006 – 2009). Ms Vitie holds Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Helsinki.



#### **Ms Erika Watanabe Patriota, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil**

Ms. Erika Watanabe Patriota is Deputy Permanent Representative to the Brazilian Mission to the WTO and other economic organizations in Geneva. She is a Brazilian career diplomat with over 25 years of experience, most of them dedicated to multilateral negotiations. The first 10 years of her diplomatic career were spent in trade negotiations in Mercosur (services) and negotiations at the WTO, in the areas of services (GATS), environmental goods and services, and dispute settlement, as a member of the Brazilian dispute settlement team in Geneva. From 2013 to 2015, Ms. Watanabe headed the Human Rights section at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN, in New York. Ms Watanabe Patriota has also been assigned Deputy Consul General to Mumbai, Tokyo, and Deputy Consul to New York and Geneva.



### **Speakers**

#### **Ms Araceli Fernandez Pales, Head of Technology Innovation Unit, IEA**

Araceli Fernandez currently serves at the International Energy Agency as the Head of the Technology and Innovation Unit within the Energy Technology Policy division. Araceli manages research, analytical and scenario modelling activities on clean technologies for end-use sectors in that Division. She also supervises the process to monitor the readiness level of clean technologies across the energy sector and to track clean energy progress. Before joining the IEA in 2012, Araceli served in different roles in the Oil & Gas sector including process optimization, detailed engineering, new processes licensing and emissions monitoring for refinery and petrochemical projects. Araceli holds a MEng in Chemical Engineering from the Polytechnical University of Valencia (Spain) and a MSc in Process Engineering from Cranfield University (UK).



#### **Mr Andres Valenciano Yamuni, Director for the Washington DC office, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)**

Mr Andres Valenciano Yamuni is the Director for the ECLAC Washington Office. Previously he was the Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica. Prior to that he was the Executive President of the Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje, Executive Director of several local and international NGOs. Mr Valenciano is Industrial Engineer from the University of Costa Rica, with a Master's degree in International Business from The Fletcher School - Tufts University, Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School, and a Lee Kuan Yew School Senior Fellow from the National University of Singapore.



#### **Ms An Qi, Associate Research Professor, Renewable Energy Development Research Center, Energy Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Macroeconomic Research**

An Qi has been working on China's energy transition strategies and policies, energy system analysis and outlook, renewable energy development and distributed generation, energy market reform and carbon pricing, she has been taking the leading role in developing research projects in low-carbon, smart and flexible power system transition, along with the development of supporting market mechanisms. An Qi has been consistently providing technical support to the Chinese government on international dialogues of energy and climate change. She participated as a member of the China Delegation for COP26 and COP27, engaged in the review process for IPCC-AR6, and served as a member of the Technical Supporting Team to G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting chaired by



China in 2016. She acted as a member of the China Expert Team of G20 peer review for China and the United States on Inefficient Fossil Fuel Subsidies, and contributed as a panelist to the G20/APEC peer reviews on energy subsidies for Germany, Mexico, Indonesia, Italy, and New Zealand. An Qi has worked on secondment to International Energy Agency. She graduated from Oxford University with an MEng in Engineering Science.

**Ms Enja Sæthren, Head of Government Relations and Support Mechanisms, Scatec**

Enja Sæthren is Head of Government Affairs and Support Mechanisms in Scatec. She leads the company's strategic engagement with institutional bodies and political decision makers to attract more renewable energy investments to emerging markets. Sæthren holds a master's degree in international relations from Sciences Po Paris and has a background in diplomacy and humanitarian affairs from Nepal to West-Africa, having worked for UN WFP, the Food Security Cluster, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the Council of Europe and Plan International. She has also previously worked as a researcher in migration and trade policies at Princeton University and European Policy Center.



**Mr James Irungu Mwangi, CEO, Africa Climate Ventures**

James Irungu Mwangi is the founder and CEO of Africa Climate Ventures.. James is also the founder of the Climate Action Platform for Africato help unlock Africa's potential to transform its economies while playing a leading role in effective climate action. Prior to that, James helped found the Dalberg Group, and in a 20-year career, led the firm's expansion into Africa in 2007, served as Global Managing Partner of Dalberg Advisors, and finally as Executive Director of the Dalberg Group. In 2022, James received the Climate Breakthrough Award in recognition of his efforts to shift Africa's role in responding to the Climate Crisis. James holds an honors degree in economics from Harvard University.



## **Guidelines for connecting via Zoom (for speakers joining online)**

### **Before the session**

- For speakers joining remotely a Zoom link will be provided before the session.
- Speakers connecting via Zoom are invited to attend the testing session on 13 November 2023 starting at 09.30 am (CET). The testing session will be organized by Ms. Nelly Bourru and the WTO Conference Office. The objective of the testing session is to test the sound and video settings as well as the connection.

### **Connecting to the session**

- You can access Zoom platform to connect to the session using the zoom link which will be sent to you after the registration. You will need to connect using the latest Zoom App from a mobile or computer. Alternatively, a connection from the latest Chrome browser is also possible.

### **Speaking during the session**

- All microphones will be automatically muted during the event to reduce audio interference. Once you have the floor, you will need to unmute your microphone and then deliver the intervention.

### **Presentations**

- If you intend to make a PowerPoint presentation, you are encouraged to share it with the WTO Secretariat by 10 November 2023. If you prefer, the WTO Secretariat can project the presentation.

### **Interpretation**

- Simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish and French will be provided. The channel selector is on the bottom right side of the Zoom control panel. Select "Mute original audio" to only hear the interpreting, without the floor. Select English to always hear English, even if the speaker is using French. Select Interpreting - Off to only hear the floor.

## YouTube

- Please note that the session will be streamed on YouTube.

## Guidelines for accessing WTO premises

- WTO security will provide a badge for the speakers joining in-person. Please note that a valid ID has to be presented at the WTO Welcome Pavilion in order to obtain a badge on the day of the event.

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