

28 April 2015 10:30-17:00 WTO, Room W 154 Rue de Lausanne 1211 Geneva

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Programme

10:30-11:15 UNEP AND WTO OPENING SESSION

The session will feature opening remarks by **Mr Roberto Azevêdo**, *WTO Director-General*, and **Mr Achim Steiner**, *Executive Director of UNEP*, reflecting on the relationship between trade and environment and past two decades of work on this interface at UNEP and the WTO.

Moderator: Mr Adrian Macey

Former Climate Change Ambassador and former Chief Trade Negotiator; Senior Associate, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, University of Wellington

11:30-13:00 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND TRADE

Speakers include:

Mr Rolph Payet

Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat

Mr John Scanlon

Secretary-General, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

- Mr Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz
 CEO, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
- Mr Adrian Macey
 University of Wellington

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Moderator: H.E. Päivi Kairamo

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to the WTO, former Chair of the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE)

15:30-17:30 EXPERT PANEL ON THE EVOLUTION OF TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT JURISPRUDENCE

Speakers include:

Mr George Abi Saab

Former Appellate Body Member

Mr Lorand Bartels

University Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

Mr Steve Charnovitz

Associate Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School

Mr Makane Mbengue

Associate Professor, Law Faculty, University of Geneva

Mr Joel P. Trachtman
 Professor of International Law, Fletcher School, Tufts University

Moderator: Mr Franz Perrez

Former panel member of the US-Tuna II case, current Ambassador for the Environment of Switzerland

Context

The creation of the WTO in 1995 marked a crucial step in the history of multilateral cooperation, helping open up fresh avenues of multilateral dialogue on how trade interacts with the environment and how to ensure that trade and environmental policies work hand in hand. This event seeks to take stock of discussions on trade and environment since the establishment of the WTO. It will provide an opportunity to look back at the role of the global trade and environment regimes in helping countries to achieve sustainable development, and to explore how WTO jurisprudence on trade and environment has evolved during the past two decades.