

UNEA III Side Event:

Unlocking Trade in Environmentally Sound Technologies to Tackle Air Pollution

Monday 4 Dec 2017, 18:00-19:30, Conference room 2, UN Office in Nairobi

Sponsor and partners:

- China Council for the Promotion of International Trade
- African Centre for Technology Studies
- Global Solar Council
- Research Institute of Global Value Chains
- Danish Technical University
- Clean Air & Climate Coalition
- UN Environment and Trade Hub

Description of event

The 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement provide an impetus for development, innovation and trade of Environmentally Sound Technologies, which can serve to address air pollution and climate change while creating new economic opportunities, jobs and social benefits.

International trade is a critical enabler for the dissemination of clean technologies and opens new opportunities for countries worldwide. Unlocking trade in clean technologies will not only spur proliferation and stimulate innovation but also create energy access and security.

This event aims to highlight the role of trade in scaling up clean technologies to abate air pollution, drawing upon successful business models and inspiring voluntary commitments. It intends to create a multi-stakeholder coalition of actors championing trade in clean technologies and feed into the global agenda on trade and sustainable development in the context of UNEA and the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference.

Invited Speakers:

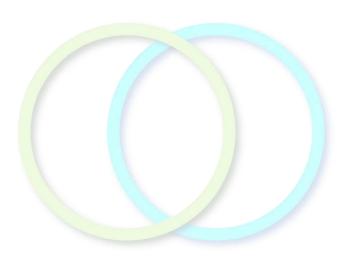
- Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment
- H. E. Amina Mohamed, Foreign Minister, Kenya
- H. E. Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- H.E. Dr. Thani Al-Zeyoudi Minister of Climate Change & Environment of UAE
- H. E. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada
- Alvaro Cedeno, Ambassador to the WTO, Costa Rica
- Jodie Roussel, CEO, Global Solar Council
- Jesse Moore, CEO and Co-founder, M-kopa
- Chuanfu Wang, Founder, Chairman & CEO, Build Your Dreams
- Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Environment and Trade Division, World Trade Organisation

Moderator

- Eliza Anyangwe, Freelance journalist and found of The Nzinga Effect

Expected outcomes:

- Mobilize joint action and partnerships from public and private sectors to promote trade in green technologies
- Explore and catalyze innovative business models in environmentally sound technologies
- Demonstrate how trade could scale up trade in technologies to combat pollution
- Foster Public Private Partnership for trade and value chain cooperation for environmentally sound technologies
- Reenergize political will to reduce trade barriers for clean technologies



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