

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

Partners:

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

Description of event

The 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement provide an impetus for development, innovation and trade of Environmentally Sound Technologies. These technologies can serve to address air pollution and climate change while creating new economic opportunities, jobs and social benefits. If designed properly, international trade can be a critical enabler for the dissemination of clean technologies and open 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 brings together pioneers and champions in clean technology trade. By drawing upon successful business models and examples, it aims to build momentum for creating an economy of the future: one that is clean, green and inclusive. It uses trade as a vehicle to scaling up clean technologies to abate pollution, address climate change and preserve precious resources. The event intends to create a multi-stakeholder coalition of actors championing trade in clean technologies to feed into the global agenda on trade and sustainable development in the context of the Sustainable Development Agenda and the World Trade Organization.

Opening Remarks:

- Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment

Key Notes:

- H. E. Amina Mohamed, Foreign Minister, Kenya (tbc)
- H.E. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing of Finland

Panel Discussion:

- Alvaro Cedeno, Ambassador to the WTO, Costa Rica
- Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, DG Environment, European Commission
- Kennedy Orwa, Ag. Executive Director, African Centre for Technology
- Jodie Roussel, CEO, Global Solar Council
- Chris Martin, Vice President, MOBIKE (tbc)
- Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization

Moderator:

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



Expected outcomes:

- Build momentum and bring together partners with a shared vision to shape the green economy of the future
- Support pioneers and champions in clean technology trade
- 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