



Trade and investment, technology transfer and climate change: The sustainable development nexus

11:00 – 12:30, Monday, December 8, 2008
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How can trade and investment policy contribute to climate change goals, including for technology transfer? What sorts of trade and investment policies might actually complicate the challenge of addressing climate change? What are the implications for developing countries of the trade, investment and climate change nexus? This session will explore the links between trade, investment and climate change – links first explored in the Trade Ministers' meeting at COP-13 – presenting some initial research results from a broad program of work in this area.

11:00: Introduction. John Drexhage (*Director, Climate Change and Energy, IISD*) and Bernice Lee (*Director, Energy, Environment and Resource Governance, Chatham House*)

11:10 – Border carbon adjustment for climate change: Peter Wooders, IISD Senior Economist for climate change, energy and trade
Do competitiveness & leakage concerns justify a response? If so, are BCAs the best response? How might the prospect of BCAs affect the negotiations? Illustrated with findings from case studies in carbon-intensive industrial sectors.

11:20 – Liberalizing trade in green goods and services: Christophe Bellmann, Programmes Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
What are the prospects for trade liberalization in certain types of goods helping us to address climate change objectives? A glimpse at the complexities, based on recent research.

11:30 – Intellectual property rights and technology transfer: Bernice Lee, Director, Energy, Environment and Resource Governance, Chatham House
Are IPRs a significant barrier to clean technology transfer? Musings from preliminary research.

11:40 – Investment policies and subsidy reform: Aaron Cosbey, Associate and Senior Advisor, Trade and Investment, Climate Change and Energy, IISD
Can subsidy reform (including for fossil fuel subsidies) serve climate change goals? How can we foster more investment in clean energy for developing countries?

11:50 – Discussants. Tariq Banuri, Director, Division for Sustainable Development/CSD Secretariat, UN DESA
Eduardo Sanhueza, Director, Climate Change and Development, ECLAC

Discussion, closing remarks.

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