

TESS Annual Conference on Trade, Climate, and Sustainable Development

Trade Cooperation Pathways for Climate Action, Resilience, and Justice

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Draft Agenda

(An updated agenda with confirmed speakers, thought starters, and partners will be circulated on 13 October)

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	Morning Coffee
9:00 – 10:30	Panel 1 – Setting the Scene Opportunities, challenges, and pathways for enhanced cooperation on trade, climate, and sustainable development	Panel 3 Climate, trade, and sustainable development at COP30 and in the UNFCCC process: Pathways for cooperation and integrated approaches?
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
	Thematic Sessions with Cross-Cutting Threads ▪ Interlinkages with cooperation on technology, investment, and finance ▪ Shifting from emissions-intensive trade to net-zero, nature-positive trade that support sustainable development ▪ Pathways, strategies, building collaborations, and research needs	
11:00 – 12:30	Thematic Session 1A Trade, climate, and sustainable agriculture: Effective international cooperation and positive incentives	Thematic Session 3A Trade-Climate Measures with Climate Objectives: Pathways for Fostering Cooperation
	Thematic Session 1B Trade, industrial policies, and the drive for net-zero and climate-resilient development: What priorities and prospects for cooperation?	Thematic Session 3B Trade, critical minerals, and net zero: Navigating the complexity of security, development, sustainability and circularity economy priorities
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch Lunchtime Dive: The ICJ advisory opinion on climate and implications for trade cooperation	Lunch Lunchtime Dive: Towards sustainable investment and technology models, partnerships and agreements in support of climate action
14:30 – 16:00	Thematic Session 2A Building resilience to the impacts of the climate crisis: How can trade cooperation support adaptation, effective responses to climate impacts, and climate-resilient development?	Thematic Session 4A Exploring priorities at the trade, climate, debt, and finance nexus: How to foster integrated approaches and what implications for trade cooperation?
	Thematic Session 2B Decarbonization of heavy industry: What priorities for trade and technology cooperation?	Thematic Session 4B From fossil fuels to net-zero energy: Where to for trade cooperation that drives clean energy access and transitions and climate-resilient development?
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Panel 2 Getting a grip on political realities and prospects for cooperation: National and regional perspectives and developments	Panel 4 Fostering trade cooperation on the climate crisis amidst trade uncertainty and challenges of multilateralism: Where are the opportunities and where to invest effort?
18:00 – 20:00	Reception – Cocktail Dînatoire	