

# TESS Annual Conference on Trade, Climate, and Sustainable Development

*Trade Cooperation Pathways for Climate Action, Resilience, and Justice*

Geneva | 15–16 October 2026

## Draft Agenda\*

DAY 1	DAY 2
Registration and Welcome Coffee	Morning Coffee
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Level Plenary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regional Perspectives on Turbulence and Trade: Finding Space for Cooperative Solutions on Climate and Sustainable Development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Level Plenary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">State of Play at the UNFCCC and the Road to COP31: How Can the Trading System Better Support Global Climate Priorities ?</p>
Coffee Break	Coffee Break
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trade, Critical Minerals, and the Clean Energy Transition: Navigating the Sustainability, Development, and Security Objectives</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Climate, Nature, and Trade: Harnessing Trade Cooperation for Resilient Futures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trade and Sustainable Agriculture: Identifying Cooperation Pathways to Advance Climate, Food Security, and Development Objectives</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fostering Coherence and Interoperability in Product-Level GHG Intensity Metrics and Measures</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunchtime Dive</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trade Dimensions of the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunchtime Lightning Talks</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Generation Trade Arrangements: Innovative Trade Approaches to Net Zero And Climate-Resilient Development</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enhancing Cooperation on Trade for Climate Adaptation, Vulnerability, and Climate-Resilient Development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trade, Industrial Policies, and the Drive for Net-Zero and Climate-Resilient Development</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trade and Technology Cooperation to Accelerate the Decarbonization of Hard-To-Abate Sectors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Connecting the Dots between Trade and Finance Agendas: Investment, Climate Finance, and Development Finance</p>
Coffee Break	Coffee Break
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Level Fireside Chat</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Climate, Trade, and Finance in an Evolving Geopolitical Landscape</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing High Level Plenary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities and Pathways for Enhanced Cooperation on Trade, Climate, and Sustainability</p>

\* An updated agenda with confirmed speakers, thought starters, and partners will be circulated towards the beginning of autumn.