

TESS Annual Conference on Trade, Climate, and Sustainable Development

Trade Cooperation Pathways for Climate Action, Resilience, and Justice

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Draft Agenda*

DAY 1
Registration and Welcome Coffee
High Level Plenary** Regional Perspectives on Turbulence and Trade: Finding Space for Cooperative Solutions on Climate and Sustainable Development
Coffee Break
Thematic Session Trade, Critical Minerals, and the Clean Energy Transition: Navigating the Sustainability, Development, and Security Objectives
Thematic Session Trade and Sustainable Agriculture: Identifying Cooperation Pathways to Advance Climate, Food Security, and Development Objectives
Lunchtime Dive Trade Dimensions of the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels
Thematic Session Enhancing Cooperation on Trade for Climate Adaptation, Vulnerability, and Climate-Resilient Development
Thematic Session Trade and Technology Cooperation to Accelerate the Decarbonization of Hard-To-Abate Sectors
Coffee Break
High Level Fireside Chat** Climate, Trade, and Finance in an Evolving Geopolitical Landscape

DAY 2
Morning Coffee
High Level Plenary** State of Play at the UNFCCC and the Road to COP31: How Can the Trading System Better Support Global Climate Priorities ?
Coffee Break
Thematic Session Climate, Nature, and Trade: Harnessing Trade Cooperation for Resilient Futures
Thematic Session Fostering Coherence and Interoperability in Product-Level GHG Intensity Metrics and Measures
Lunchtime Lightning Talks Next Generation Trade Arrangements: Innovative Trade Approaches to Net Zero And Climate-Resilient Development
Thematic Session Trade, Industrial Policies, and the Drive for Net-Zero and Climate-Resilient Development
Thematic Session Connecting the Dots between Trade and Finance Agendas: Investment, Climate Finance, and Development Finance
Coffee Break
Closing High Level Plenary** Opportunities and Pathways for Enhanced Cooperation on Trade, Climate, and Sustainability

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

** The plenaries and the fireside chat are public. All other sessions are by invitation.