

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
High Level Plenary** Regional Perspectives on Turbulence and Trade: Finding Space for Cooperative Solutions on Climate and Sustainable Development	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	Coffee Break
Thematic Session Trade, Critical Minerals, and the Clean Energy Transition: Navigating the Sustainability, Development, and Security Objectives	Thematic Session Climate, Nature, and Trade: Harnessing Trade Cooperation for Resilient Futures
Thematic Session Trade and Sustainable Agriculture: Identifying Cooperation Pathways to Advance Climate, Food Security, and Development Objectives	Thematic Session Fostering Coherence and Interoperability in Product-Level GHG Intensity Metrics and Measures
Lunchtime Dive Trade Dimensions of the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels	Lunchtime Lightning Talks Next Generation Trade Arrangements: Innovative Trade Approaches to Net Zero And Climate-Resilient Development
Thematic Session Enhancing Cooperation on Trade for Climate Adaptation, Vulnerability, and Climate-Resilient Development	Thematic Session Trade, Industrial Policies, and the Drive for Net-Zero and Climate-Resilient Development
Thematic Session Trade and Technology Cooperation to Accelerate the Decarbonization of Hard-To-Abate Sectors	Thematic Session Connecting the Dots between Trade and Finance Agendas: Investment, Climate Finance, and Development Finance
Coffee Break	Coffee Break
High Level Fireside Chat** Climate, Trade, and Finance in an Evolving Geopolitical Landscape	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 events that will be livestreamed. All other sessions are by invitation.