

Expert Workshop on Sustainability chapters in Free Trade Agreements – research gaps and future role

Date: 11 May 2023, 13.30 -15.30 Central European Time

Registration: <https://forms.ecologic.eu/free-trade-agreements>

The workshop is part of a research project of Ecologic Institute and the German Institute of Development and Sustainability, funded by the German Environment Agency. They assess existing literature as well as about 80 globally representative Free Trade Agreements, combining the TREND database with a qualitative analysis of their provisions. The workshop will present and discuss their preliminary findings and open questions. A short discussion paper will be circulated to registered participants before the workshop.

Time	Agenda item	Presenter / Moderator
13.30 – 13.40	Welcome and introduction: the Value of Nature in international Trade	German Environment Agency: Dana Ruddigkeit Stellenbosch University / University of Graz: Oliver Ruppel
13.40 – 13.55	Trends and gaps in literature on sustainability provisions in trade agreements (TSD provisions)	Ralph Bodle / Madeleine Pumberger
13.55 – 14.10	Discussion of research trends and gaps in literature	Ralph Bodle
14.10 – 14.15	Mini-break	
14.15 – 14.25	The TREND Database – a comprehensive dataset of TSD provisions	Clara Brandi
14.25 – 14.35	Q&A on TREND database	Clara Brandi
14.35 – 14.50	TSD provisions in trade agreements: What do they actually say? Preliminary findings and conclusions	Ralph Bodle / Madeleine Pumberger
14.50 – 15.05	Discussion: Should the focus shift from incorporating TSD provisions to implementing them?	Ralph Bodle / Madeleine Pumberger
15.05 – 15.25	Discussion: Free trade agreements and the WTO	Ralph Bodle / Madeleine Pumberger
15.25 -15.30	Wrapping up	Ralph Bodle / Clara Brandi