



Possible Trade and Climate initiative in the WTO

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General aspects

- Basis for outreach - hear views of WTO partners
- Getting out of silos: an overall umbrella linking the climate/environment dots, with several building blocks
- Gradual approach: focus first on climate mitigation and perhaps circular economy
- Could also integrate initiatives and ideas presented by WTO Members
- Guiding principles: coherence, inclusivity and transparency

Building blocks

- Liberalisation of trade in goods
 - 1st step: focus on climate mitigation, possibly circular economy
- Liberalisation of trade in services
 - Possible focus on climate mitigation and circular economy services
- Development
 - Greening Aid for Trade, other incentives
- Transparency
 - Domestic measures (incl at early stages), fossil-fuel subsidies, other topics
- Improving the functioning of the CTE

Guiding questions

- How can the WTO operate in a more coherent manner on trade and environment/climate?
- Do you agree that a staged approach, starting with a focus on specific objectives (climate mitigation, circular economy, other), could attract a larger number of participants?
- How to attract developing and least developed countries?
- Transparency is a key function of the WTO. How can we make better use of this function and what elements should we take up? How to improve the functioning of the Committee on Trade and Environment?