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## **Climate Change and International Agricultural Trade Rules**

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Both climate change itself and policy responses to climate changes will have an impact on international trade, and may require some clarification of, or possibly adjustment to multilateral trade rules. With support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) are convening this Geneva meeting of their joint platform on *Climate Change, Agriculture and Trade: Promoting Policy Coherence*, to examine the nexus between climate change, climate change policies and WTO rules applicable to food and agricultural trade. The meeting will profile a number of papers prepared by the Platform and seek to identify key policy questions at the nexus of climate change and international agricultural trade rules that should be addressed by the international community upon the conclusion of a new international climate change framework.

# DRAFT AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15      **Context and Introduction**

Charlotte Hebebrand, President/CEO, IPC  
Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, ICTSD

9:15 – 10:00      **Session 1 – Climate Change, Agriculture and Trade**

This session will outline the challenges presented by climate change to agricultural production and food security, and address the role of international trade and agricultural development policies in meeting these challenges.

Moderator: Christophe Bellmann, ICTSD

- [The Role of Trade in Food and Agricultural Products in Climate Change Adaptation Costs](#)  
Claudia Ringler, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- [Aid for Trade, Climate Change and Agriculture](#)  
Jodie Keane, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

10:00 – 10:45      **Open Discussion**

10:45 – 11:00      **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:15      **Session 2 – Trade Policy Measures to Address Climate Change**

This session will discuss WTO implications of using economic and trade-related measures to support action on climate change.

Moderator: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, ICTSD

- [Embodied Carbon in Agricultural Traded Goods and Related Trade Measures](#)  
James Macgregor, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policies and Agriculture: Implications for Production Incentives and International Trade Disciplines](#)  
Tim Josling, Stanford University, IPC Member
- [Agricultural Technologies for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Developing Countries: Policy Options for Innovation and Technology Diffusion](#)  
Dan Sumner, University of California

Discussants:

- Xiangchen Zhang, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO
- Alexander Kasterine, International Trade Centre

12:15 – 13:00 **Open Discussion**

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 15:30 **Session 3 – WTO Considerations and Recommendations**

This session will address whether, and if so, which, international agricultural trade rules may merit a re-examination in the context of climate change and explore how such a re-examination process could be structured.

Moderator: Charlotte Hebebrand, IPC

- Carlos Pérez del Castillo, Former Representative of Uruguay to the WTO; IPC Member

Discussants:

- Selected WTO Ambassadors to be confirmed

15:30 – 16:30 **Open Discussion**

16:30 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks**

17:00 – 19:00 **Reception**