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A Sustainability Checklist for Trade Negotiators: Trade and Investment in the Service of a Green Economy

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The recent conclusion of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), and ongoing work to negotiate the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), offer a glimpse into the profound impacts that regional agreements may have in establishing the “new normal” for trade and investment rules, even beyond the original participants.

In an effort to support policy makers in negotiating trade agreements that facilitate environmental objectives, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) are creating a checklist for negotiators: what elements should feature in new agreements that help us move toward an inclusive green economy at national, regional and global levels?

This meeting brings together a small group of international experts and thought leaders in the trade and environment space to provide input on the first draft of the checklist.

9 – 930: Introduction, context

930 – 1115: Environmental provisions

- What environmental provisions should explicitly feature in an agreement, and what options are there for content? (Preamble; no lowering of environmental laws/standards; environmental exceptions; relationship to MEAs; environmental cooperation; dispute resolution, EGAs)

Break

1130 – 1245: Parallel sessions:

- Architecture: how to house environment in the agreement? (e.g., through a side agreement, or an environment chapter)
- Process: how should the agreement be negotiated and implemented? (negotiating mandate, EIAs, openness, review and reporting)

Lunch

2 - 345: Parallel sessions: Trade and investment provisions:

- Investment chapters in trade agreements
- Environmental aspects of other chapters: Services, IPRs

345: Closing