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Conference Agenda

Thursday 27th of November

13:30 – 14:15
CONTEXT AND INTRODUCTION

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ
Chief Executive, ICTSD

Winfried VEIT
Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Geneva

SESSION 1
KEYNOTE SPEECHES: CHINA, TRADE AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

H.E. Mr Zhenyu SUN
Ambassador, Permanent Mission of China to the
WTO

Harsha Vardhana SINGH
Deputy Director-General, WTO

Ji ZOU
Delegate of China's UN Climate Negotiations;
Professor and Deputy Dean, School of Environment
and Resources, Renmin University, Beijing

14:15 – 15:00
SESSION 2
CHINA IN THE GLOBAL TRADE AND
CLIMATE CONTEXT

This panel will discuss what is the global trade and climate context in which China performs? What are the expectations of the international community for China's responsibility in maintaining global economic and trade stability and for fostering a multilateral agreement on climate change?

Chair: **Isabel HILTON**
CEO, Chinadialogue.net, London

Negotiating trade and climate change regimes in a
context of economic downturn

Ambassador Sergio MARCHI
Former President of the Canada China Business
Council and Permanent Representative of Canada to
the WTO

Global economy and finance in transition: The role of
China

Linda YUEH
Fellow in Economics, St. Edmund Hall, University of
Oxford; Visiting Professor, London Business School;
Associate, Centre for Economic Performance,
London School of Economics and Political Science
(LSE)

Key issues for emerging economies in the UNFCCC
negotiations

Mukul SANWAL
Advisor to the Ministry of Science and Technology,
New Delhi

15:00 – 16:00
OPEN DISCUSSION

16:00 – 16:15
COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:00

SESSION 3

ENERGY COMPETITION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

This panel will discuss: global energy demand and competition; China's challenges related to energy efficiency and renewable energy; and implications for sustainable development and climate change actions.

Chair: **Mark HALLE**

Executive Director, IISD-Europe

Setting context: [Competitiveness, China and the World](#)

Simon ZADEK

Chief Executive, AccountAbility, Senior Fellow Harvard Kennedy School of Governance, ICTSD Governing Board Member

[China's energy development and climate change actions as a developing country](#)

Xiusheng ZHAO

Research Fellow, Tsinghua University, Beijing

[China and the global energy and emissions landscape - with particular regional focus on Africa](#)

Moustapha Kamal GUEYE

Senior Programme Manager, Environment Cluster, ICTSD

[Obama's energy and climate policy: Implications for international cooperation](#)

Rob BRADLEY

Director, World Resources Institute, Washington D.C.

17:00 – 18:00

OPEN DISCUSSION

18:15 – 19:30

RECEPTION Co-hosted with Chatham House

Friday 28th of November

9:00 – 11:00

SESSION 4

ENGAGING CHINA IN CLIMATE ACTIONS

This panel will discuss what trade-related incentives and enabling conditions can contribute to enhancing the capacity of developing countries, such as China, to undertake appropriate national mitigation actions and pursue adaptation efforts. This session will address specific issues in the area of development, transfer of technology and financing, the liberalisation of trade in environmental goods and services, and intellectual property issues. The discussions on the international regulatory framework for technology transfer and financing will be followed by reactions from the business sector.

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Alberto Juan DUMONT**

Ambassador, Argentina's Mission to the WTO

[China and environmental goods and services](#)

Veena JHA

Visiting Professorial Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, Warwick University (UK); Visiting Fellow, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

[Technology transfer and financing in the climate negotiations](#)

Ji ZOU

Delegate of China's UN Climate Negotiations; Professor and Deputy Dean, School of Environment and Resources, Renmin University, Beijing

[Intellectual Property Rights and technology transfer](#)

Naigen ZHANG

Professor, Law School, and Director, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, Fudan University, Shanghai

[Business perspective](#)

George WEYERHAEUSER

Senior Fellow, Innovation and technology, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), Geneva/Washington D.C.

11:00 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:15

OPEN DISCUSSION

12:30 - 13:30

LUNCH TIME

13:30 – 15:15

SESSION 5

CLIMATE CHANGE, TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS: THE CHINA FACTOR

The panel will discuss how can trade-related competitiveness concerns be addressed in an effective and fair manner, taking into account principles underlying both the trade and climate change regimes? This session will also look at specific issues such as carbon-intensive industries and carbon leakage, carbon barriers at the border and sectoral agreements.

Chair: **Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ**

Chief Executive, ICTSD

[Legal perspective on border carbon adjustment](#)

Joost PAUWELYN

Professor at the Graduate Institute, Geneva; Senior Advisor with the law firm of King & Spalding, Washington DC

[EU Emission Trading Scheme and carbon leakage](#)

Julia REINAUD

Policy Analyst, International Energy Agency, Paris

Sectoral approaches, trade and competitiveness

Peter WOODERS

Senior Economist, Climate change, Energy and Trade,
International Institute for Sustainable Development
-Europe

Climate change and competitiveness

Jiahua PAN and Laihui XIE

Research Centre for Sustainable Development,
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

An American perspective

Gary Clyde HUFBAUER

Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for
International Economics, Washington DC

A European perspective

Fredrik ERIXON

Director, European Centre for International Political
Economy, Brussels

15:15 – 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 16:15

OPEN DISCUSSION

16:15 – 18:00

SESSION 6:

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHINA'S
CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL
GLOBAL TRADE AND CLIMATE
OUTCOMES**

This panel will discuss: how can China contribute to achieving successful outcomes under the Doha round of trade negotiations and the UNFCCC negotiations on climate change?

Chair: **Guy de JONQUIÈRES**

Senior Fellow at the European Centre for
International Political Economy and Chatham House;
former World Trade Editor of the Financial Times

Hongchun ZHOU

Director, Development Research Centre of the State
Council, Beijing

Gary Clyde HUFBAUER

Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for
International Economics, Washington DC

Georges LANDAU

Head of Prisma Consulting, Sao Paulo and Senior
Counsellor, Brazilian Centre for International
Relations (CEBRI), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Rengang HUANG

Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to
the WTO

Bernice LEE

Research Director, Energy, Environment and
Resource Governance, Chatham House, London

José ROMERO

Head of Section, Federal Office for the Environment,
Swiss Confederation

18:00– 18:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ

Chief Executive, ICTSD



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