

ICTSD-IPC PLATFORM ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, AND TRADE: PROMOTING POLICY COHERENCE



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Promoting Policy Coherence

While climate change presents an undeniable threat to agricultural production and food security, the agricultural sector significantly contributes to greenhouse gases and needs to help mitigate climate change. At the same time, however, increased demands on the sector require that agricultural production more than double by 2050. Rather than pursuing a one-size-fits-all decrease in agricultural emissions, efforts should focus on policies that deliver win-win outcomes to enhance agriculture productivity, promote food security and sustainable livelihood, and that contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.



An open and equitable trade system for food and agriculture is vital to food security and contributes to climate change adaptation and mitigation; it can help offset climate-induced production decreases in certain regions and facilitate the transfer of food and agricultural products from regions where their production requires relatively fewer greenhouse gas emissions to regions where production would result in higher emissions.



To help address these concerns, the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) have established an interdisciplinary panel of experts, the ICTSD-IPC Platform on Climate Change, Agriculture, and Trade: Promoting Policy Coherence. For further information on the ICTSD-IPC Platform on Climate Change, Agriculture, and Trade: Promoting Policy Coherence, see <http://ictsd.net/climate-change/agriculture-and-biofuels/pacct/>.



Research and Analysis

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Carbon and Agricultural Trade in Developing Countries, by James Macgregor, ICTSD-IPC Platform on Agriculture, Climate Change, and Trade, Issue Brief No. 3 (forthcoming, December 2009).

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Climate Change and China's Agricultural Sector: An Overview of Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation, by Jinxia Wang and Jikun Huang, ICTSD-IPC Platform on Agriculture, Climate Change, and Trade, Issue Brief No. 5 (forthcoming, January 2010).

International Climate Change Negotiations and Agriculture, ICTSD-IPC Platform on Agriculture, Climate Change, and Trade, Policy Focus No. 1, May 2009.

This paper has been written with the purpose of providing an overview of the existing international climate change agreements, and the international negotiations underway. In addition, it points out the ways in which the agricultural sector is, or may be, addressed in the international climate regulatory framework.

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ABOUT ICTSD

Founded in 1996, the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) is an independent non-profit and non-governmental organization based in Geneva. By empowering stakeholders in trade policy through information, networking, dialogue, well-targeted research and capacity building, the Centre aims to influence the international trade system such that it advances the goal of sustainable development.

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The International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council promotes a more open and equitable global food system by pursuing pragmatic trade and development policies in food and agriculture to meet the world's growing needs. IPC convenes influential policymakers, agribusiness executives, farm leaders, and academics from developed and developing countries to clarify complex issues, build consensus, and advocate policies to decision-makers. More information on the organization and its membership can be found on our website: www.agritrade.org.

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