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Room XVI, 5th Floor, Bâtiment A, Palais des Nations

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

- 09:00-09:30 **Registration (*)**
- 09:30-09:40 **Opening session**
Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, ESCAP, on behalf of the United Nations Regional Commissions
Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, Chief, Trade and Sustainable Development Section, UNCTAD
- 09:40-10:00 **Opening Statement on Trade Rules and Sustainable Development**
Mr. Harsha V. Singh, Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization
- 10:00-11:30 **Session 1. Environmental Requirements and Market Access in the Food Sector, including Organic Agriculture and Fisheries**
- Trade and Environment Dimensions of the Food Sector in Asia and the Pacific, *by Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, ESCAP*
 - Trade and Environment Dimensions in the Fisheries Sector in the Arab Countries, *by Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherrfane, Acting Team Leader, Technology and Enterprise Development Team, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, ESCWA*
 - Trade and Environment Dimensions in Agriculture, including Organic Agriculture, in Africa, *by Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, Economic Affairs Officer, Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, ECA*
- Discussants:
- Fishery subsidies: *Ms. Anja von Moltke, Economic Affairs Officer, UNEP*
 - Organic Agriculture: *Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD*

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- 11:30-12:30 **Session 2. Environmental Goods and Services**
Speakers:
 - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
 - Ms. Marianne Schaper, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC
Discussants:
 - Mrs. Erika Watanabe, Permanent Mission of Brazil
 - Mr. Erwin Rose, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- 12:30-13:30 **Session 3. Environmental Impacts of Trade**
Speakers:
 - Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA
 - Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
Discussant:
 - Ms. Vera Weick, Economic Affairs Officer, UNEP
- 13:30-15:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00-15:30 **Keynote address on Policy Coherence**
Mr. Theodore Panayotou, John Sawhill Lecturer in Environmental Policy and Faculty Associate at the Center for International Development, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 15:30-16:30 **Session 4. Policy Coherence**
Speakers:
 - Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
 - Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA
 - Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, ESCAP
 - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
Discussion
- 16:30-17:30 **Closing session: Which way forward?**
Speakers:
 - Mr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA
 - Ms. Marianne Schaper, ECLAC
 - Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, ESCAP
 - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
 - Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD
 - Mr. Hussein Abaza, Chief, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP
Discussion

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