

**GLOBAL FORUM ON TRADE: THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSIONS
OF TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT
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Paragraph 32(i)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The OECD Global Forum workshops are the OECD's principal vehicles for thematic policy dialogue with non-Members on issues that pose particular policy challenges. This Global Forum on Trade workshop focuses on the market access issues and capacity-building needs of developing countries related to environmental measures. Its focus corresponds to Paragraph 32(i) of the Doha Ministerial Declaration.

2. The workshop will be anchored in the presentation of analysis of the effects of environmental measures on market access especially in relation to developing countries. It will draw in particular on case studies carried out in the Joint Working Party on Trade and Environment (JWPTE), as well as studies prepared for other groups, e.g. those undertaken for the UNCTAD/IDRC project "Standards and Trade". These case studies will soon be published; there will be about 20 case studies which will soon be posted on the OECD's Trade and Environment web-page. In addition to OECD Member country representatives and JWPTE observers, a range of non-Member economy representatives will be invited to attend the workshop. Experts from key partner intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will also be invited to participate in the Forum.

II. OBJECTIVE

3. The objective of this Global Forum workshop is to promote dialogue on the development dimensions of trade and environment among representatives of Member and non-Member economies, taking into account developing-country trade interests, national regulatory agency mandates and their international obligations, donor support for capacity building in developing countries, and trade and environment discussions in the OECD and WTO.

III. TARGET GROUPS

4. The targeted groups of this workshop include, in line with the overall objectives: developing country exporters; officials from agencies in OECD countries involved in the setting of environmental regulations and standards; bilateral and multilateral aid agencies supporting trade-related capacity building; OECD Member and non-Member government delegates to the JWPTE and WTO CTE; and experts from NGOs.

IV. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

5. Each of the main substantive sessions will begin with an introduction by a chairperson and a presentation by an expert on the issue at hand, followed by two discussants. The floor will then be opened for debate, moderated by the chairperson. Every effort will be made to ensure a balance in each session between OECD Members, non-Member, NGO and IGO representation. All participants will be acting in their capacities simply as experts or individuals with experience in the areas under discussion, so that views expressed in the workshop will be made under "Chatham House" rules - i.e., not attributable outside the workshop itself.

6. At the concluding session of the workshop, the Co-chairs of the JWPTE will summarize key points from the debate, including points of consensus and diverging views. A general discussion would follow. After the workshop, a written report will be prepared and circulated with a view to advancing discussions of these issues, and also to prepare follow-up work in the JWPTE.

V. VENUE

7. Discussions are underway with the Indian authorities to determine the appropriate conference facilities in New Delhi.
