

TRANSITIONING TO THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY: THE ROLE OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICIES

The International Trade Centre (ITC) is pleased to invite you to its webinar on 'Transitioning to the Circular Economy: The role of Trade and Investment Policies' on Wednesday, 13 July from 10 – 11.30am CET.

ITC seeks to explore the interlinkages between international trade and the circular economy and demonstrate how trade policy instruments can be utilised to facilitate this transition and contribute to the overarching goals of strengthened economic resilience and sustainable development.

SPEAKER PROFILES



Moderator: Ms. Victoria Tuomisto, Programme Officer, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, International Trade Centre

Ms. Tuomisto is supporting implementation of trade facilitation related technical assistance programmes at ITC. Prior to ITC, she was engaged at The Economist in the Economist Intelligence Unit and in the Economist Corporate Networks. She has published on several articles/reports on trade facilitation reforms, addressing barriers to cross-border trade, and strengthening regional integration.



**Mr. Shunta Yamaguchi,
Policy Analyst, OECD Environment Directorate**

Mr. Yamaguchi is a Policy Analyst-Environment and Economy Integration of the OECD Environment Directorate. Prior, he worked with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on energy and environmental projects. At JICA, he worked on policy analysis and project design on international harmonisation of energy efficiency labelling and testing standards, and to promote mutual recognition agreements for lab testing in compliance with the WTO TBT agreement.



**Ms. Bezawit Eshetu
Circular Economy Specialist, African Circular Economy Network**

Ms. Eshetu is a Green Growth and Circular Economy Specialist based at the African Circular Economy Network. She has significant experience in environmental management, sustainable development and ESG Investment. She has over 15 years of experience in policy/program management in the fields of environmental management, sustainable development, waste management, resource efficiency, cleaner production, Green Growth, circular economy, and impact investment.



**Mr. Shikhar Jain,
Deputy Head, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

Mr. Jain has over 25 years of experience as a business sustainability expert, and currently serves as the Deputy Director of CII – Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD). He has been engaged in developing and integrating various EHS best practices, enhanced compliance and risk management frameworks, as well as integrated Quality, Environmental, Health and Safety and Social programs/management systems for several top Indian and global firms.



**Dr. Ajith de Alwis, Professor/Dean
Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka**

Dr. de Alwis is Professor of Chemical and Process Engineering at the University of Moratuwa and was the Project Director of Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) Sri Lanka. He currently serves as the Chief Innovation Officer of the National Innovation Agency in Sri Lanka. He has recently published chapter in the Handbook of Energy and Environmental security on the opportunities presented by the circular economy in enhancing resource efficiency.



**Dr. Patrick Low
Former Chief Economist at WTO**

Dr. Low was Chief Economist at the World Trade Organization and is an Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. He worked for GATT from 1980–1988 and joined the WTO in 1995, taking up his present position in 1997. For a short interlude from 1999–2001, he served as WTO Director-General Mike Moore's Chief of Staff. He served in the research complex of the World Bank from 1990–2004. He is currently also a senior adviser at TULIP Consulting.



**Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal
Director, Division for Market Development, International Trade Centre**

Mr. Aggarwal has held positions as Chief of Trade Facilitation & Policy for Business, Acting Director Division for Business and Institutional Development and Chief of Office for Africa at ITC. He has contributed to building conducive business environment by promoting MSME interests in multilateral/regional/bilateral trade negotiations and policy and regulatory reforms. He was India's negotiator in the WTO covering Agriculture, TRIPS and Trade Remedies.

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