Trade for Sustainable Development Forum 2016

Sustainable Value Chains: Open Data Makes the Difference

PROGRAMME

28-30 September 2016, Geneva, Switzerland
The Trade for Sustainable Development Forum is held in conjunction with the WTO Public Forum.

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Now in its third year, the International Trade Centre’s annual Trade for Sustainable Development Forum has become one of the leading events focused on how voluntary sustainability standards can support sustainable value chains.

Sustainability initiatives address environmental, labour and social issues, and improve transparency. This forum challenges thought leaders to bridge gaps in sustainability initiatives and contribute to the ambitious UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

Join us to learn why open data on voluntary sustainability standards matters, and how it can contribute to better decision-making by businesses, policymakers, and consumers.

The forum is designed to stimulate exchange among:
- Business: multinational corporations, small and medium-sized enterprises, trade and industry associations
- Governments and Geneva-based missions
- International organizations, non-governmental organizations and academia
- Sustainability standards organizations.

This year, the focus is on data-driven decision-making in sustainable value chains – from farmers and producers, to big businesses, policymakers and consumers. Expect the latest industry and policy insights, hosted by ITC as a neutral partner which manages a unique information platform of over 200 sustainability standards.

Open data adds value

Companies face challenges making claims related to the sustainability of their value chains. They need better data. As a result, leading companies are putting greater resources into sophisticated data collection and smart analytics to spot sustainability issues, affecting resilience among producers and processors in value chains.

Researchers are turning their attention to this topic. Sustainability standards, eco-labels, and certifications have become go-to mechanisms for sustainability compliance. To single out tangible impact from ‘good intentions’, the research focus is more impact-oriented: What is the size of sustainable markets? Is the intended transformation taking place?

Consumers increasingly demand information on where their products were produced and processed and under what type of economic, environmental and social conditions.

ITC collects, monitors and shares data, in partnership with voluntary standard systems. Transparency brings visibility and more opportunities for trade. Sharing related insights, technology and skills is also integral to the Trade for Sustainable Development initiative.

At a glance: Trade for Sustainable Development Forum 2016

The first day features an opening session within the framework of the WTO Public Forum. High-level speakers will share views from industry, policy, producer and consumer perspectives.

The second day is an Open House and Partners Day hosted at ITC. The technical working group of the Trade for Sustainable Development project will meet during the day. ITC will demo the new Sustainability Map platform and provide overviews and tutorials.

The third day focuses on trends and opportunities to connect open data to the most relevant users:
- A sneak preview of results from the 2016 edition of the State of Sustainable Markets Report. The report currently covers data on sustainability standard-compliant production for 14 major standards, in nine key commodity areas.
- Insights and findings from a ground-breaking quantitative analysis on over 180 voluntary sustainability standards looking into issues such as producer engagement, support activities, costs and availability.
- How ITC is providing sustainable value chain solutions for consumer-goods companies as well as for producers and processors in the value chain.

Be sure to join the start of each session, where an interactive “voting app” will capture audience views for each of the panel sessions.
OPENING SESSION:

15:30-17:00  
**Sustainable Value Chains: Open Data Makes the Difference**

Today, many leading firms in international value chains pursue sustainability strategies. Few developed country governments lack green or sustainable public procurement policies. Voluntary sustainability standards are proliferating and consumer demand for sustainably sourced products is increasing. Each of these value chains involves hundreds, if not thousands, of suppliers from micro, small or medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Yet these small firms may not always have the information or capacity they need to participate in these value chains. Panelists will present where the bottlenecks and opportunities in data collection lie that lead to inclusive, sustainable value chains. Joined by public, business and NGO leaders, the International Trade Centre will present its work in sustainability data, generating new opportunities for MSMEs globally.

**Speakers**

- **Arancha González**, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
- **Marjeta Jager**, Deputy Director-General responsible for the coordination of Directorates C, G and H; Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission
- **Nyagoy Nyong’o**, Executive Director, Fairtrade Africa
- **Ian Hope-Johnstone**, Senior Director, Agricultural Sustainability, PepsiCo
- **Karin Kreider**, Executive Director, ISEAL Alliance
- **Henning Droege**, Director of International Affairs, Asociacion de Azucareros de Guatemala – ASAZGUA

**Moderator**

- **Eliza Anyangwe**, Writer, editor and moderator, The Guardian/The Nzinga Effect

**Conference Locations**

**Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 September** - World Trade Organization (WTO), Rue de Lausanne 154  
**Thursday 29 September** - International Trade Centre (ITC), rue Montbrilliant 54-56
Morning session (by invitation only)

10:00-12:30

**Sustainable Consumption and Production: Bridging the Gap between Intention and Action**

Exchange of best practices and lessons learned about consumer information and sustainable public procurement. This side event is organized by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact leonard.frank@giz.de by e-mail to request more information.

Afternoon sessions (open for registered participants)

**OPEN HOUSE: TRADE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

13:30-14:00

Registrations, ITC headquarters

14:00-14:20

Introduction to the Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD) Programme

14:20-15:00

Presentation of the Farm Sustainability Assessment tool by SAI Platform

Join ITC’s Trade for Sustainable Development team and partners to learn about the latest projects supporting more sustainable and transparent trade. Q&A to follow.

15:00-15:10

Remarks by ITC Executive Director Arancha González

15:10-16:00

Presentation of the Sustainability Map

In an interactive session, ITC will present the newest additions to the suite of ‘Trade for Sustainable Development’ online tools, focusing on their practical application. Q&A to follow.

16:00-17:30

Tutorials on Standards Map, SustainabilityXchange and the new online tools

Update on the Trade for Sustainable Development Principles

Networking

By invitation only T4SD Technical Working Group Meeting
08:00-09:15  REGISTRATION

Morning sessions

09:15-09:30  OPENING ADDRESS

Speaker
Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

09:30-11:00  SESSION 1

Insights and Trends: What the Latest Sustainability Standards Data Tells Us
What trends can we see for policymakers and business leaders? This session launches a new report by ITC and the European University Institute, provides a sneak preview of the annual State of Sustainable Markets report done with FiBL and the International Institute for Sustainable Development, and offers insights from the ITC SME Competitiveness Outlook, which focuses this year on standards.

Speakers
Bernard Hoekman, Professor and Director, Global Economics, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
Marion Jansen, Chief Economist, International Trade Centre
Julia Lernoud, Data and Information Manager, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)
Vivek Voora, Associate, Economic Law & Policy and Water programs, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Moderator
Eliza Anyangwe, Writer, editor and moderator, The Guardian/The Nzinga Effect

11:00-11:30  Coffee and networking break

11:30-13:00  SESSION 2

Leveraging the Digital Revolution for Value Chain Transparency
How are organizations re-inventing themselves to achieve greater transparency for sustainable value chains in the digital era? This session presents some of the latest projects.

Speakers
Leon Mol, Director Product Safety & Social Compliance, Ahold Delhaize
Tomás Vera, Lead, Program Manager for Digital Solutions in Agriculture and Sustainability, Nestlé
Darrel Doren, Senior Director for Sustainability, Foreign Trade Association
Emeline Fellus, Head, Learning, Development and Implementation, SAI Platform

Moderator
Mathieu Lamolle, Market Analyst and Database Coordinator, International Trade Centre

13:00-14:15  Lunch break (not provided)
KEYNOTE SPEECH

Making the Most of Sustainable Value Chain Data

Speaker: Howard Presland, Head of Customer and Third Party Risk Proposition, EMEA, Thomson Reuters

SESSION 3

Connecting the Unconnected

Millions of SMEs around the world lack Internet and mobile phone access, which are vital to embed sustainability in key market sectors and improve market access. Internet, telecoms and innovative agribusiness service providers discuss how we can scale up connectivity to provide access to data and to collect it. Can these approaches be replicated in diverse sector and country contexts?

Speakers: Katherine Tabares, New Sector Development, GS1 Colombia
Amy Barthorpe, Head of Business Development, WeFarm
Gwynne Foster, Traceability Programme Facilitator, South Africa
Anthony Sikpa, President, Federation of Associations of Ghanaian Exporters; Chairman, Ghana Yam Development Council

Moderator: Eliza Anyangwe, Writer, editor and moderator, The Guardian/The Nzinga Effect

SESSION 4

How Will the Future Look?

This interactive session with the audience will show future challenges and opportunities for sustainable value chains. The panel will respond with public and private sector perspectives, to arrive at concluding themes and takeaways.

Speakers: Sadie Homer, Senior Policy Advisor, Consumers International
Fabio De Franceschi, Assistant Policy Officer, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
Helmut Fischer, Head of the Division for Sustainability Standards, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Olalekan Paul Akande, Head, Agribusiness, Partnership & Sustainability, Institute of Export Operations & Management (IEOM)

Moderator: Eliza Anyangwe, Writer, editor and moderator, The Guardian/The Nzinga Effect

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Atrium of the World Trade Organization
BIOGRAPHIES
Speakers and Moderators

**Olalekan Paul Akande**, Head, Agribusiness, Partnership & Sustainability, Institute of Export Operations & Management (IEOM)

Mr. Akande is a seasoned expert (Agribusiness Economics & Aquaculture) with professional experience spanning more than 15 years with organizations in Africa and Europe. He currently serves as the Head of Agribusiness, Partnership and Sustainability of the Institute of Export Operations & Management (IEOM), a Trade and Investment Support Institute (TISI) in Nigeria. He began his career in the private sector and NGO advising and working with smallholder farmers across rural communities in Nigeria. This laid the foundation for the great insight and love that he has for the development of African agriculture.

**Eliza Anyangwe**, Writer, editor and moderator, The Guardian/The Nzinga Effect

Eliza Anyangwe is a Cameroon-born, London-based writer, editor and moderator and the founder of The Nzinga Effect, a soon-to-be-launched digital publication and annual gathering to celebrate African women’s stories. She joined the Guardian in 2008 and in 2012 became editor of the Global Development Professionals Network. After going freelance in 2014, Eliza spent a year covering the transition from MDGs to SDGs for the Guardian. Today, Eliza continues to write and chair events for the Guardian and a range of other organisations, including Dell, the Stockholm International Water Institute, Ecosoc or the Government of Belgium. She is guest lecturer on the international relations and communications programme at IULM in Milan and a fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts.

**Amy Barthorpe**, Head of Business Development, WeFarm

Amy Barthorpe is Head of Business Development for WeFarm. Born and raised in France, Amy moved to London to complete a bachelor’s degree at Kings College London before working as a Trade Advisor for the French Trade Commission in London. Amy joined WeFarm a month before it launched in February 2015 and has seen the platform grow to reach tens of thousands of farmers across Kenya, Peru and Uganda. She is now responsible for developing strategic commercial partnerships and leveraging growth opportunities with governments, NGOs and businesses.

**Darrell Doren**, Senior Director Sustainability, Foreign Trade Association

Darrell Doren is the Senior Director Sustainability at the Foreign Trade Association (FTA). Since 2015 Darrell has led FTA’s Sustainability division. Prior to his role at FTA, Darrell worked in Hong Kong as the Global EHS & Global Social Compliance Director for Avery Dennison, a US-based global manufacturer of apparel branding labels and tags. Previously, Darrell worked for the Ford Motor Company managing purchasing and supply chain sustainability for the Asia-Pacific and Africa regions. He holds an MBA with a focus in Operations Management and Mandarin Chinese.

**Henning Droege**, Director of International Affairs, Asociacion de Azucareros de Guatemala – ASAIZGUA

Henning Droege is a career diplomat and works currently as the Director of International Affairs in ASAIZGUA - Guatemala’s Sugar Association. Among his duties he ensures that the sector remains a cutting edge player in line with international trends. Sustainability is at the core of this philosophy, therefore his efforts are directed towards an effective implementation of a sustainable model that is recognized in the international arena. Previously he served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Guatemala in London. Mr Droege holds a Master Degree from the London School of Economics in Local Economic Development.
Emeline Fellus, Head, Learning, Development and Implementation, SAI Platform

Emeline Fellus has been working with the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform since May 2002, when she was recruited to help establish the organization. Emeline Fellus is an agronomist and previously worked with the Platform’s General Manager on business development and management issues. Before joining SAI Platform, she worked for two years as Associate Economic Affairs Officer for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Helmut Fischer, Head of the Division for Sustainability Standards, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Mr. Fischer joined BMZ in 1994. In the course of the years he had been responsible for Germany’s bilateral development cooperation with several partner countries, mainly in Asia and in the South Caucasus. Furthermore, Mr. Fischer spent several years in Afghanistan as counselor for development cooperation at the German Embassy. In addition, he had worked for 5 years with the BMZ division “cooperation with the business sector”, facilitating public private partnerships. Since November 2014, Mr. Fischer is head of the then newly established BMZ division “sustainability standards” which covers three main pillars: a) fostering sustainability along global supply chains, b) EU trade policy, and c) promoting consumer information and fostering sustainability aspects in public procurement procedures.

Gwynne Foster, Traceability Programme Facilitator, South Africa

Gwynne has a broad background in supply chain information systems. She is committed to overcome the present reality that South African small-scale farmers, communities and agri-businesses are unable to access food supply chains because they are unable to meet customer requirements and market standards. She is concerned that records are often accepted at face value and believes that the time will come when good data, backed by evidence of integrity and proof that records are correct, will bring competitive advantage. Gwynne completed certification for GS1 GTC auditor through the GS1 Global Office in Brussels.

Fabio De Franceschi, Assistant Policy Officer, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission

Fabio De Franceschi is Assistant Policy Officer at the Directorate General for Trade at the European Commission, in charge of labour affairs and fair and ethical trade. He holds a PhD in Social Sciences from KU Leuven (Belgium) and an MA in International Employment Relations from the University of Warwick (UK).

Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Ms. González serves as Executive Director of the ITC since September 2013. Before joining ITC, she was Chief of Staff to World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Pascal Lamy from 2005 to 2013. During this period, she played an active role in launching the WTO’s Aid for Trade initiative, and served as Mr. Lamy’s representative at the G-20. Prior to this, Ms. González held several positions at the European Commission, negotiating trade agreements and assisting developing countries in trade-development efforts. Between 2002 and 2004, she was the European Commission Spokeswoman for Trade and adviser to the EU Trade Commissioner. She began her career in the private sector advising companies on trade, competition and state-aid matters.

Bernard M. Hoekman, Professor and Director, Global Economics, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

Bernard Hoekman is Professor and Director, Global Economics at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. Before joining the EUI, he was Sector Director, International Trade Department and Research Manager in the Development Research Group of the World Bank. Recent publications include Supply Chains, Mega-Regions and Multilateralism: A Road Map for the WTO (CEPR Press, 2014), The Global Trade Slowdown: A New Normal? (CEPR and EUI, 2015) and The World Trade Organization: Law, Economics and Politics (with Petros Mavroidis; Routledge, 2016).

Sadie Homer, Senior Policy Advisor, Consumers International

Sadie is responsible for coordinating and ensuring that the views of CI’s member organizations are heard within ISO and IEC. She advises Consumers International on the role of standards in providing consumer protection, as well as delivering training on the role of consumers in standards to CI members and other stakeholders through capacity building programs. She also designed and delivered CI’s successful e-learning standards webinar series. Sadie represents CI at COPOLCO, ISO’s consumer policy committee. She was an expert for CI at ISO’s Social Responsibility Working Group, which developed ISO 26000 and coordinated its’ consumer stakeholder group. She is a member of steering committees on standards tools developed for ISEAL Alliance whose members produce environmental and social standards, e.g. Fairtrade.
Ian Hope-Johnstone, Senior Director, Agricultural Sustainability, PepsiCo

Ian Hope-Johnstone is Senior Director of Agricultural Sustainability for PepsiCo, where he lends industry expertise to agricultural sourcing and sustainable development initiatives. With global knowledge and understanding of agricultural issues, he is a recognized resource among government leaders, retailers and other cooperatives within the agricultural supply chain. Ian leads the global development and implementation of the Sustainable Farming Initiative (SFI) for PepsiCo. SFI is a farm-based verification program consistent with the company’s Agricultural Sustainability policy and commitment to do what’s right for the business by doing what’s right for people and the planet. Ian holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and is based out of the United Kingdom.

Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission

Marjeta JAGER is currently Deputy Director General for the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO). Ms JAGER has been working in the European Commission since 2005, starting as Director for Security in DG Energy and Transport and later being Director for international energy and transport files and coordination, as well as being Head of Cabinet of the Transport Commissioner. Before joining the Commission Ms JAGER was more than a decade working on the accession of Slovenia to the EU for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and she was the first Coreper I Ambassador of Slovenia to the EU.

Marion Jansen, Chief Economist, International Trade Centre

Marion is the Chief Economist of ITC and in this position responsible for the ITC flagship publication “SME Competitiveness Outlook”. She previously held senior positions in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the International Labor Office (ILO). Her publications in the field of international trade and global governance include numerous articles and chapters on the role of standards and regulations in international trade and notably cover the areas of financial, environmental, food safety and labour market regulation. Marion holds a PhD in economics from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain) and has lectured in different academic institutions on international economics, managerial economics and on the socio-economic impacts of globalization. She is an associate editor of International Economics and chairs the supervisory committee of PRONTO, a pan-European research network on Non-Tariff Measures.

Karin Kreider, Executive Director, ISEAL Alliance

Karin Kreider is the Executive Director of the ISEAL Alliance. She joined ISEAL in late 2009 as Scaling Up Director and became Executive Director in late 2012. She developed the ISEAL members’ Scaling Up Strategy, oversees the Alliance’s overall strategy while also leading a major project to scale up sustainability standards in emerging economies. Before ISEAL, she was a founder of Rainforest Alliance, and worked there for more than 20 years, first as Associate Director of the organization, and then as Director of the Sustainable Agriculture Programme. She was involved in the start-up of Rainforest Alliance’s forestry, agriculture and tourism programs. Karin holds a BFA and an MBA from New York University and is based in London.

Mathieu Lamolle, Market Analyst and Database Coordinator, International Trade Centre

Hendrik Schmitz Guinote is Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva. At the Permanent Mission, he is in charge of development policy issues. This includes the trade and development portfolio and the work of ITC. He joined the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development in 2006 where he worked, inter alia, as Desk Officer in the Trade Division. He was also posted at the Permanent Missions of Germany to the UN in New York and served as coordinator for German development cooperation in Northern Afghanistan.

Julia Lernoud, Data and Information Manager, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)

Julia Lernoud is a Data and Information Manager of the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL). For the last five years, she has been collaborating in the collection of organic market data worldwide and the production of the annual report The World of Organic Agriculture. Since 2014, she has been collecting key market data on Voluntary Sustainability Standards worldwide in FiBL, in partnership with the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the State of Sustainability Initiatives (SSI).
Leon Mol, Director Product Safety & Social Compliance, Ahold Delhaize

Dr. Leon Mol was educated as an agronomist at Wageningen University. He started his career establishing a large potato farm in Egypt followed by an international, technical and commercial job in the potato sector. Later, Leon was employed as Agronomist at Albert Heijn (The Netherlands) working on long term availability and sustainability of fresh fruit & vegetables, flowers and plants, with a main activity on getting implemented social audits in high risk countries. In 2015, Leon joined Royal Ahold as Senior Manager Product Integrity. With the establishment of Ahold Delhaize, Leon became Director Product Safety & Social Compliance. The (global) scope of the activities includes product safety, social compliance and also animal welfare.

Dr. Nyagoy Nyong’o, Executive Director, Fairtrade Africa

Dr. Nyagoy Nyong’o joined Fairtrade Africa as the Executive Director in 2013. Prior to joining FTA, Dr. Nyong’o worked at HAP International, Geneva, where she was in charge of certifications against the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) Standards in Quality Management and Accountability. Dr. Nyong’o has a wealth of experience in the Fairtrade sector as well as hands-on management experience in the humanitarian and development sectors. She worked for over 8 years as a Fairtrade auditor (Max Havelaar Switzerland and FLO-CERT GmbH). She has held senior management positions with several NGOs. Earlier, Dr. Nyong’o also taught forestry at Moi University, in Kenya, and was a researcher at the Forest Research Institute of Ghana. She holds a PhD in Forest Biology-Wood Science and MSc in Forest Biology both from Iowa State University.

Howard Presland, Head of Customer and Third Party Risk Proposition, EMEA, Thomson Reuters

Howard is currently Head of Proposition, EMEA for Customer & Third Party Risk at Thomson Reuters where he has worked in Risk Management Solutions since 2013. His prior role saw him oversee the global market launch of Thomson Reuter’s flagship screening product ‘World-Check One’. Prior to joining Thomson Reuters, he worked in the information industry for over 10 years across various roles for Factiva & Dow Jones, latterly leading the Product & Operations divisions within Risk & Compliance. Howard graduated from the University of Wales with a B.A. in Modern Languages with Computer Science and went on to study Project Management at the George Washington University School of Business.

Katherine Tabares, New Sector Development, GS1 Colombia

Katherine Tabares has leading business strategies and public private partnerships for sustainable development of local projects supported by the adoption of GS1 standards in Colombia and the introduction of best practices in logistics. She manages process of introducing the concept of shared value in supply chain through collaborative working groups in sectors such as Apparel, Transport & Logistics, Foodservice and Agribusiness. Currently she is a Master candidate in International Law at Universidad de los Andes.

Anthony Sikpa, President, Federation of Associations of Ghanaian Exporters; Chairman, Ghana Yam Development Council

Mr. Tony Sikpa has over 30 years working experience in the private sector of Ghana specifically in air transport and agriculture production and marketing. He started as a management member with responsibility for sales and marketing of a travel company. He rose to become a director and the team leader of West Coast Airlines Limited. From West Coast Airlines, he started Agrotrade Limited to engage in the import and export of agriculture related commodities. He also has experience in high value agriculture having been involved in the growing of cotton in the Upper West Region as a project director for Copra Ghana and as a partner in Kembu Limited to grow flowers for the domestic and export markets.

Tomás Vera, Lead, Program manager for digital solutions in agriculture and sustainability, Nestlé

Tomás Vera has over eight years’ experience in global IS/IT solutions. He is the program manager for the digital solutions in agriculture and sustainability projects in Nestlé, ranging from direct procurement in the field to tablet and mobile app solutions for Nestlé field agronomists and farmers; across several commodities such as coffee, dairy and cocoa. Previously he worked in project management for the Swiss technology company ABB. Tomás is a graduate from EPFL in Switzerland and from ITBA in Buenos Aires, his home country, specializing in management of technology.

Vivek Voora, Associate, Economic Law & Policy and Water programs, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Vivek Voora works with the Economic Law & Policy and Water programs at IISD. Formerly as project manager and now as an associate, he works broadly on projects related to natural capital, ecosystem services, sustainable agriculture and water management as well as ecosystem markets, greening supply chains and sustainability standards. He is also currently pursuing a PhD focused on agricultural sustainability standards and the water energy and food security nexus at the Central European University in Hungary.
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