



Draft Agenda (as of 19 June 2002)

Changing the Balance of Trade High Level Seminar on Sustainability Assessments of EU Trade Policy

9-10 July 2002
European Parliament, Brussels
Eastman Building, Rue Belliard 135

Tuesday 9th July – Sustainability Assessments in Practice

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 Session 1 – Sustainability Assessments in EU policy-making
This will be a high-level session featuring keynote speakers from the Council, Commission and Parliament to discuss the role of SAs in EU policy making. The session will frame the debate in the light of the conclusions of the Gothenburg Summit which require all major EU policies to be subject to a sustainability assessment. It will explore what this commitment means for EU policy-making and how they expect SAs to contribute to more sustainable policies.
- € Margot Wallström, Environment Commissioner
 - € Enrique Barón Crespo, MEP, President of the PES Group in the European Parliament
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.50 Session 2 – Practical Application of Sustainability Assessments to Trade
This session will examine how Sustainability Assessments (SA) are being used today. It will feature a series of case studies illustrating different aspects of the use of SA. They will highlight experience in specific sectors, commodities, and regions.
- € Karim Dahou, Coordinator of Enda Prospectives-Policies Dialogues: EU Senegal fishing agreements
 - € Hanan Awwad, Friends of the Earth Middle East, Jordan: Environmental implications of the Mediterranean Free Trade Zone
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Session 3 – Practical Application of Sustainability Assessments to Trade (Contd.)

- € Alvaro Luchiezi, WWF Brazil, Brazil: Sustainability Assessment of the Brazilian soy sector
 - € Karin Ulmer, APRODEV: Sustainability assessment and Millennium Development Goals - an ACP case study
- 3.00 Coffee
- 3.20 Session 4 – Advances in the methodology for Sustainability Assessments
- € Prof. Colin Kirkpatrick, University of Manchester IDPM: Update of the EU methodology being developed by Manchester University and proposed for the assessment of the new round of negotiations agreed at Doha
 - € Aaron Maltais, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI): Sustainability Impact Assessment of WTO negotiations in the major food crops sector
- 3.40 Discussion
- Wednesday 10th July –
High level discussion on Sustainability Assessments in the EU
- 9.00 Summary of day 1
- 9.15 Session 1 – Stakeholder perspectives on Sustainability Assessment of Trade Policies and Agreements
 This session will examine different stakeholders expectations of SA. It will discuss the problems of addressing the social, economic and environmental pillars of sustainability in one tool and explore how to improve the approach.
- € Claude Fussler, World Business Council for Sustainable Development: The Business perspective
 - € Irene van Staveren*, Network Women in Development Europe: The gender and social perspective
 - € Benedicte Hermelin, SOLAGRAL: The Development perspective
 - € Reinhard Quick, UNICE: The European business perspective
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.20 Session 2 – Sustainability Assessment as a tool in international trade negotiations
 How can we ensure that SAs are relevant to policy-makers? What are the mechanisms for integrating SAs into the policy-making process? This session will focus on the role of SAs in trade negotiations and will explore how to ensure that the output is relevant and how to integrate it into the policy-making process.
- € Robert Madelin, Director, DG Trade
 - € Gillian Guthrie, Director, Environmental Protection & Conservation, Ministry of Land and Environment, Jamaica
 - € Bernard Kuiten, Counsellor External Relations, World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - € Dale Andrew*, Trade Policy Linkages and Strategies Division, OECD
- 1.00 Lunch

2.00 Session 3 – Delivering sustainable trade: SA in EU trade policy
This session will explore the role of SAs in informing EU trade policy and will discuss how to ensure that SAs influence the negotiating processes.

- € Pierre Defraigne, Head of Cabinet of Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy
- € H.E. Jose Alfredo Graça Lima, Ambassador, Brazilian Mission to the EU
- € Caroline Lucas, MEP
- € Tony Long, WWF European Policy Office

3.30 Coffee

3.50 Discussion and seminar conclusions

5.00 Close

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