

Working Session: “Building resilient and sustainable regional and global value chains through the AfCFTA”

Organisers: ECA, ODI, UNEP and TESS

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COVID-19 has shed light on the fragility of Africa’s supply chains, highlighting the urgency to develop more resilient and sustainable regional value chains that can withstand future climate change shocks and respond to growing demand for green goods and services. In building back better, Africa can take advantage of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement to advance the green transition. Integrating environmental considerations within the AfCFTA protocols and strategies for implementation also offers an opportunity to develop common African environmental sustainability priorities at multilateral fora, including the UNFCCC and WTO.

This session will answer the following questions: What actions are required by African policymakers and businesses to fully harness the AfCFTA to further the green transition? How can the AfCFTA be implemented in a way that supports the adoption of environmental standards? How can the AfCFTA be utilized to develop a common African position on trade and environmental sustainability?

Panellists:

- [Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady, Ambassador , Permanent Representative, Mauritius Mission to the United Nations Office, Geneva](#)
- [Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade, UNECA](#)
- [Maximiliano Mendez-Parra, Principal Research Fellow, ODI](#)
- [Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary General, African Organisation for Standardisation](#)

Moderator:

- [Sheila Aggarwal-Khan, Director, Economy Division, UNEP](#)

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