UNECE Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards:
6th Session

Item 3 Matters Arising
Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk
Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE

This slide show includes, among others, a selection of recent trade-related activities carried out by UNECE’s ECTD, that might be relevant for the SCTS. The inclusion of specific activities in this slide show does imply that it would fall under the mandate of the SCTS.
Cycle of Official Inter-governmental Meetings

• Despite COVID, the SCTS & its 2 Working Parties, WP.6 & WP.7 have worked very successfully.

• Both WPs held Informal Virtual Online Consultations in November 2020, followed by a Silence Procedure for the approval of their decisions.

• In 2021, WP.7’s Specialized Sections had 3 meetings (Seed Potatoes, FFV & DDP) in hybrid mode & with interpretation.

• 2021 annual session of WP.7: 15 – 17 November
• 2021 annual session of WP.6: 24 – 26 November
Launch of **FeedUp@UN**

In response to the growing food loss and waste crisis globally, in November 2020 UNECE launched FeedUp@UN – a digital blockchain-powered solution for identifying, quantifying, and tracing the food otherwise lost or wasted.
WP.6 is one of the oldest intergovernmental bodies in the UN. Its thematic priorities, which include standardization, risk management, market surveillance and gender-responsive standards, are central for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient post COVID-recovery. Standards will also play a key role in the circular economy transition.
« We, the member States of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), therefore commit to step up our efforts to promote circular economy approaches and the sustainable use of natural resources, namely by mainstreaming circularity and the sustainable use of natural resources in the existing relevant ECE sectoral work programmes – as appropriate, and through the voluntary initiatives and capacity building cooperation opportunities »

« The work of ECE in relevant sub-programmes, sectoral committees and other subsidiary bodies can make an important contribution to foster circular and more resource-efficient economies »
Supply Chain Traceability and Sustainability
Roundtable 2 – 20th April 2021 (16:45-18:00 CET)

Moderator:
Mr. Joss Blériot
Executive Lead Institutions, Governments & Cities
Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Panelists:
Ms. Maylis Souque
Secretary-General of the OECD NCP for RBC and Senior Advisor on CSR, Ministry of the Economy and Finance (France)

Mr. Greg Rampley
Chief, Bioproducts and Supply Chain Economics, Natural Resources Canada (Canada)

Mr. Gernot Lorenz
Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (Austria)

Mr. Bartosz Zambrzycki
Policy Officer, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety
European Commission

Ms. Alice Tipping
Lead, Sustainable Trade and Fisheries Subsidies, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Ms. Elisa Tonda
Head, Consumption and Production Unit, Economy Division, UNEP
Building back better post COVID: Unlocking the potential of advanced technologies for circular and sustainable value chains in the garment and footwear sector
Stepping-up Outreach: Geneva Trade Week (autumn 2020)

Speakers
Event Number S24: Rethinking Trade: Harnessing Trade as a Means for Strengthening Agenda 2030/SDGs – the Case of WTO Accession
Moderated by:

Ms. Olga Algayrova, UNECE, Executive Secretary, United Nations Under-Secretary-General
H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrazievich, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the UN and other IOs, Belarus
H.E. Ms. Zhanar Aitzhanova, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the UN and other IOs, Kazakhstan

Mr. Hamdo Tinjak, Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations & Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr. Mark Linscott, former Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia & for WTO and Multilateral Affairs
Mr. Badriddin Abidov, Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade & Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Uzbekistan

Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Director, Accessions Division, World Trade Organization
Speakers

S19: Sustainability
Trade in support of Circular Economy, Sustainable Development and Green Recovery post-COVID-19

- Dr. Anthony Nyong: African Development Bank, Director for Climate Change and Green Growth
- Ms. Colette van der Ven: Tulip Consulting, International trade lawyer, Consultant
- Ms. Annette Brauss: International Trade Centre, Project Manager
- Ms. Kimberley Botwright: World Economic Forum, Community Lead, Global Trade and Investment
- Ms. Marianne Kettunen: Institute for European Environmental Policy, Head of Programme (moderator)
- Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk: Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade, UNECE

Front Row Commentators:
- Ms. Malena Sell: Leading Specialist, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra
Stepping-up Outreach: Geneva Trade Week (autumn 2020) (cont.)

Speakers
Event Number S34
Sustainability:
Scaling up Sustainable Trade: Strategies, Policies and Technologies for More Sustainable Production and Value Chains
Moderated by:

Ms. Maylis Souque, French Ministry of Economics and Finance & National Contact Point to the OECD
Ms. Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Associate Fellow, Chatham House Hoffmann Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy, and Graduate Institute, Geneva
Ms. Angela Francis, Chief Economist, WWF-UK
Ms. Carla Brandi, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute

Mr. Kevin Wikins, Senior Technical Advisor, Specialty Crops, ELAN DRC
Mr. Gregory Mthembu-Salter, Political Economy and Conflict Analysis (PECA) Advisor, ELAN DRC
Stepping-up Outreach: Partnering w. Geneva Trade Platform (GTP)
Stepping-up Outreach: Partnering w. Geneva Trade Platform (GTP) (cont.)
Harnessing e-commerce post-COVID-19: opportunities and challenges for transition economies
Stepping-up Outreach: Speaking About UNECE’s Trade-related Work

Stakeholder Roundtable on priorities for a forward-looking WTO agenda on environmental sustainability and trade

November 18, 09h15-10h45 CET, via zoom
Co-hosted by Geneva Trade Platform, UNEP Environment and Trade Hub, the Global Governance Centre, and Chatham House Hoffman Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy

As governments grapple with Covid-19 responses and recovery, how can international trade cooperation help drive the economic transformation — and just transition — needed to address urgent environmental crises and risks, achieve the world’s environmental goals, and foster economic resilience? How can we harness multilateral cooperation on trade and trade policy to advance more environmentally sustainable production and consumption?

This event responds to the growing interest among stakeholders in a forward-looking multilateral agenda on trade and environmental sustainability that advances progress on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). WTO Members too are reassessing the importance of environmental sustainability in trade. During the WTO Trade and Environment Week, a diverse group of WTO Members will present a statement on Trade and Environmental Sustainability, which will launch open, structured discussions that aim to provide an opportunity for governments and stakeholders alike to re-engage and deepen action-oriented dialogue.

In response, this roundtable will draw together a sample of the broad range of stakeholders active on this issue to respond to the statement and share their views on priorities and options for a proactive, inclusive and forward-looking multilateral trade agenda on environmental sustainability and trade that helps advance progress on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
THANK YOU!

This slide show includes, among others, a selection of recent trade-related activities carried out by UNECE’s ECTD, that might be relevant for the SCTS. The inclusion of specific activities in this slide show does imply that it would fall under the mandate of the SCTS.