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This conference takes place at an extremely opportune moment: the economy, governance and geopolitical agenda of the world are in a period of historical transition.

In the context of widespread economic downturn, new strong political will to conclude the Doha Round of trade talks and the imminent UN climate change negotiations in Poland and Copenhagen, the role of emerging economies including China shall be better understood.

The conference will focus on China's contribution to the economic architecture of a global agreement on climate change, in the process towards the 15th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2009 in Copenhagen.

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When:

Registration opens at 13:00 on Thursday 27 November.

The meeting will conclude at 18:30 on Friday 28 November.

Where:

World Meteorological Organization, Address: 7 bis avenue de la Paix, CH1211 Geneva. BUS 1, 11, or 28 reaches directly WMO at "Jardin Botanique" bus stop

Update of the event:

<http://ictsd.net/i/events/dialogues/31604/>

Registration

Please register by sending email to China@ictsd.ch or fax: +41.22.917.80.93. Phone: +41.22.917.88.38.

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Thursday 27th of November

13:30 – 14:15 **CONTEXT AND INTRODUCTION**

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Chief Executive, ICTSD

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Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Geneva

SESSION 1: CHINA, TRADE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

H.E. Mr. SUN Zhenyu*
Ambassador, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO

Harsha Vardhana SINGH
Deputy Director-General, WTO

Jiahua PAN
Member of the China National Expert Committee on Climate Change; Executive Director, Research Centre for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

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14:15 – 15:15

SESSION 2

CHINA IN THE GLOBAL TRADE AND CLIMATE CONTEXT

This panel will discuss what is the global trade and climate context in which China performs? What are the expectations of the international community for China's responsibility in maintaining global economic and trade stability and for fostering a multilateral agreement on climate change?

Chair: **Isabel HILTON**, CEO, Chinadialogue.net, London

[China in the Doha Round](#)

Rengang HUANG

Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO

[Negotiating trade and climate change regimes in a context of economic downturn](#)

Ambassador Sergio MARCHI

Former President of the Canada China Business Council and Permanent Representative of Canada to the WTO

[Global economy and finance in transition: The role of China](#)

Linda YUEH

Fellow in Economics, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford;
Visiting Professor, London Business School; Associate, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

[Key issues for emerging economies in the UNFCCC negotiations](#)

Mukul SANWAL

Advisor to the Ministry of Science and Technology, India

15:15 – 16:00

OPEN DISCUSSION

16:00 – 16:30

COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30

SESSION 3

ENERGY COMPETITION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

This panel will discuss: global energy demand and competition; China's challenges related to energy efficiency and renewable energy; and implications for sustainable development and climate change actions.

Chair: **Simon ZADEK**

Chief Executive, AccountAbility and Senior Fellow Harvard Kennedy School of Governance

[China and the global energy: Emissions landscape with particular regional focus on Africa](#)

Moustapha Kamal GUEYE

Senior Programme Manager, Environment Cluster, ICTSD

[Obama's energy and climate policy: Implications for international cooperation](#)

Rob BRADLEY

Director, World Resources Institute, Washington DC

[China's energy development and climate change actions as a developing country](#)

Xiusheng ZHAO

Research Fellow, Tsinghua University; Policy Advisor to China National Development and Research Commission, Beijing

17:30 – 18:15 **OPEN DISCUSSION**

18:15 – 19:30 **RECEPTION/DINNER Co-hosted with Chatham House**

Friday 28th of November

9:00 – 11:00 **SESSION 4**

ENGAGING CHINA IN CLIMATE ACTIONS: REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND BUSINESS DIMENSIONS

This panel will discuss what trade-related incentives and enabling conditions can contribute to enhancing the capacity of developing countries, such as China, to undertake appropriate national mitigation actions and pursue adaptation efforts. This session will address specific issues in the area of development, transfer of technology and financing, the liberalisation of trade in environmental goods and services, and intellectual property issues.

The first part of the panel will focus on proposals to craft the international regulatory framework for technology transfer and financing. It will be followed by reactions from the business sector.

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Alberto Juan DUMONT**, Ambassador, Argentina's Mission to the WTO

[China and environmental goods and services](#)

Veena JHA

Visiting Professorial Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, Warwick University (UK); Visiting Fellow, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

[Technology transfer and financing in the climate negotiations](#)

Ji ZOU

Senior Member of Chinese Delegation to the UNFCCC; Professor and Deputy Dean, School of Environment and Resources, Renmin University, Beijing

[Intellectual Property Rights and technology transfer](#)

Naigen ZHANG

Professor, Law School, and Director, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, Fudan University, Shanghai

[Business perspective](#)

George WEYERHAEUSER

Senior Fellow, Innovation and technology, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), Geneva

11:00 – 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:30

OPEN DISCUSSION

12:30 - 13:30

LUNCH

13:30 – 15:00

SESSION 5

CLIMATE CHANGE, TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS: THE CHINA FACTOR

The panel will discuss how can trade-related competitiveness concerns be addressed in an effective and fair manner, taking into account principles underlying both the trade and climate change regimes? This session will also look at specific issues such as carbon-intensive industries and carbon leakage, carbon barriers at the border and sectoral agreements.

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Ujal Sing BHATIA***

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of India to the WTO

[Legal perspective on border carbon adjustment](#)

Joost PAUWELYN

Professor at the Graduate Institute, Geneva; Senior Advisor with the law firm of King & Spalding, Washington DC

[EU Emission Trading Scheme and carbon leakage](#)

Julia REINAUD

Policy Analyst, International Energy Agency, Paris

[Sectoral approaches, trade and competitiveness](#)

Peter WOODERS

Senior Economist, Climate change, Energy and Trade, International Institute for Sustainable Development -Europe

[Climate change and competitiveness](#)

Jiahua PAN and Laihui XIE

Research Centre for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

[An American perspective](#)

Gary Clyde HUFBAUER

Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington DC

[A European perspective](#)

Fredrik ERIXON

Director, European Centre for International Political Economy, Brussels

15:00 – 15:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:30 – 16:15 **OPEN DISCUSSION**

16:15 – 18:00 **SESSION 6**

PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHINA'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL GLOBAL TRADE AND CLIMATE OUTCOMES

This panel will discuss: how can China contribute to achieving successful outcomes under the Doha round of trade negotiations and the UNFCCC negotiations on climate change?

Chair: **Guy de JONQUIÈRES**, Senior Fellow at the European Centre for International Political Economy and Chatham House; former World Trade Editor of the Financial Times

Mark KENBER

Policy Director, The Climate Group, London

Hongchun ZHOU

Director, Development Research Centre of the State Council, Beijing

Gary Clyde HUFBAUER

Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington DC

Georges LANDAU

Head of Prismax Consulting, Sao Paulo and Senior Counsellor, Brazilian Centre for International Relations (CEBRI), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Rengang HUANG

Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO

Bernice LEE

Research Director, Energy, Environment and Resource Governance, Chatham House, London

José ROMERO

Head of Section, Federal Office for the Environment, Swiss Confederation

18:00– 18:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ, Chief Executive, ICTSD