



## World Circular Economy Forum 2021 Accelerator session

### “Towards a mutually supportive trade and circular economy agenda”

#### AGENDA

15 September 2021, 14:00-15:30 Paris/Geneva time | Virtual meeting via Zoom

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In this WCEF 2021 Accelerator session, a range of organisations will come together in two panels to discuss how to overcome the barriers to scaling up the global transition to a more resource efficient, circular economy. The first part will dive into the barriers faced by companies in transitioning to a circular economy and in scaling up circular business models. The second part will then look at the role of international actors in how to identify and implement solutions to these barriers and ensure trade and the circular economy become mutually supportive. In both parts of the session, an initial presentation sets the scene, after which a number of key stakeholders will debate what international barriers exist to the transition to a circular economy, and how international cooperation can provide solutions to overcome these barriers.

<b>13:50-14:00</b>	<b>Log in via Zoom</b>
<b>14:00-14:05</b>	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by Crispin Conroy, ICC</li> </ul>
<b>14:05-14:50</b>	<p><b>1. “THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION IN THE WTO”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Crispin Conroy, ICC  <b>Speaker:</b> Christophe Bellmann, Institute for International Trade  <b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aik Hoe Lim, WTO</li> <li>• Kimberley Botwright, WEF</li> <li>• Minna Aila, Neste</li> <li>• Pär Larshans, Ragn-Sells</li> </ul>
<b>14:50-15:25</b>	<p><b>2. “INTERNATIONAL POLICY COORDINATION TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rob Dellink, OECD  <b>Speaker:</b> Shunta Yamaguchi, OECD  <b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malena Sell, Sitra</li> <li>• Valentina Ferraro, World Customs Organisation</li> <li>• Joss Bleriot, Ellen McArthur Foundation</li> <li>• Karsten Steinfatt, WTO</li> <li>• Tatiana Terekhova, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat</li> </ul>
<b>15:25-15:30</b>	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks by Crispin Conroy, ICC and Rob Dellink, OECD</li> </ul>
<b>15:30</b>	<i>End event</i>