

2023 EU-Canada CETA Civil Society Forum Programme

April 25, 2023 16:00 – 18:30 (CEST), 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (EDT) and

April 26, 2023, 15:00-17:30 (CEST), 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (EDT)

Location: will be communicated to the registered participants

Moderator; Mrs. Ewa SYNOWIEC – Principal Adviser; DG Trade

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 25
15:15 – 16:00 Sign-In
16:00 – 16:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks The Moderator will open the session (2-3 minutes) and the EU followed by Canada will provide a brief overview of TSD Committee progress since its last meeting and objectives moving forward, acknowledging the key role participants play in supporting the effective implementation of the CETA Trade and Sustainable Development, Trade and Labour and Trade and Environment chapters (6 minutes each).
16:15 – 16:30 Comments from DAG Chairs The Moderator will invite the DAG Chairs to share their perspectives and priorities on the matters covered under the CETA TSD Chapters.
16:30 – 17:45 Discussion on Environment and Climate Change <i>(Canada followed by the EU)</i> The Moderator will invite Canada followed by the EU to briefly (10 minutes each) share their progress on the implementation of the CETA Trade and Environment Chapter and the Recommendation on Trade, Climate Action and the Paris Agreement, and will outline their trade relevant climate and environmental policy developments. The Moderator will invite participants to propose, present, share their views and exchange with the Parties on how to best make use of CETA to cooperate on trade and climate change and the environment.
17:45 – 18:30 Canada-EU Cooperation on Labour

(The EU followed by Canada)

The Moderator will invite the EU followed by Canada to briefly (10 minutes each) share their progress on the implementation of the CETA Trade and Labour chapter. Under this Chapter, the Parties have committed to cooperate to promote the objectives of the chapter, through actions such as the exploration of various collaborative initiatives. Discussions will focus on forced labour and child labour, aligning with CETA TSD Committee work under the Implementation of Labour Chapter Commitments section.

The Moderator will invite participants to share their views and ask questions.

18:30 – 18:35 Wrap-up and housekeeping for Day 2

The Moderator will share housekeeping issues for day 2 (1 minutes) and will invite Canada to speak for 1-2 minutes to close the day

The EU will follow for 2-3minutes for Wrap-Up and to conclude.

Day 2 – Wednesday, April 26

14:15 – 15:00 Sign-In

15:00 – 15:05 Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Moderator will open the session (1 minute)

15:05 – 16:00 Developments in the field of Trade and Sustainable Development, Trade and Labour and Trade and Environment – Policy, Implementation, Enforcement

(The EU followed by Canada)

The Moderator will invite the EU to share with participants the recent developments related to TSD policy (15 minutes).

The Moderator will invite Canada to respond (15 minutes).

The Moderator will invite participants to exchange on policy developments.

16:00 – 16:30 Update and Discussion on the other existing and potential CETA Recommendations

(Canada followed by the EU)

The Moderator will invite Canada and the EU to share progress on the implementation of the CETA SME Recommendation and Trade and Gender Recommendation.

The Moderator will invite participants to ask questions, discuss opportunities and propose suggestions for future collaboration following the presentations, including an approach to consider on mainstreaming gender and SMEs into the work of CETA committees.

16:30 – 17:20 – General comments and questions from Civil Society Members (open)

The Moderator will coordinate the Q&A session, allocation questions to the appropriate respondent.

17:20 – 17:30 Wrap up and closing comments

The Moderator will invite Canada followed by the EU to close the day and the Civil Society Forum (2-3 minutes each)