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## Why?

In the face of the escalating pace and devastating impact of the climate crisis on our economies, societies, and environments, and the urgent need for climate change mitigation and adaptation in line with the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement, and the Sustainable Development Goals, the Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate was launched in January 2023.

The Coalition grew from a recognition that international trade can and must make a positive contribution to driving down greenhouse gas emissions, and enable a just transition to climate neutral, resilient, and sustainable economies by mid-century.

Together, the members of the Coalition recognize their unique position as Trade Ministers to drive a positive trade contribution to the global climate agenda and the need for high-level political dialogue. As Trade Ministers, they reiterate the importance of a supportive, coherent, and open international economic system that enables fair pathways towards climate-resilient sustainable development.

Underlining the need for inclusive international cooperation on the nexus of trade, climate, and sustainable development, the Coalition brings together over 60 Trade Ministers from a diversity of countries from different regions at varying levels of development, climate vulnerabilities, and trade circumstances.

## Who?

### COALITION CO-LEADS

Ecuador      European Union      Kenya      New Zealand

### COALITION MEMBERS

Angola	Cyprus	Ireland	Norway	Spain
Australia	Czechia	Italy	Papua New Guinea	Sweden
Austria	Denmark	Japan	Philippines	Switzerland
Belgium	Estonia	Republic of Korea	Poland	Ukraine
Barbados	Fiji	Latvia	Portugal	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Finland	Lithuania	Romania	United States of America
Cabo Verde	France	Luxemburg	Rwanda	Uruguay
Cameroon	The Gambia	Malta	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Vanuatu
Canada	Germany	Maldives	Singapore	Zambia
Colombia	Greece	Morocco	Slovakia	
Costa Rica	Hungary	Mozambique	Slovenia	
Croatia	Iceland	Netherlands		

\* Membership as of 19 February 2024.

## What?

### PRINCIPLES

The Coalition is guided by and works to support the following principles:

- Cooperation in our contribution to the global response to climate change, including by engaging nationally and internationally with fellow ministers working on climate, environment, finance, and development, among others.
- Inclusivity in the engagement of ministers and relevant stakeholders from different regions and at different levels of development and climate vulnerabilities.
- Leadership in providing high-level political direction and guidance to bolster inclusive cooperation on the nexus of climate, trade, and sustainable development.
- Transparency for effective climate action built on trust and international cooperation.

### PRIORITIES

The Coalition prioritizes the following:

1. Foster international cooperation and collective action to promote trade and trade policies that pursue climate action across the World Trade Organization and relevant multilateral, plurilateral, regional, and sectoral initiatives.
2. Identify ways to ensure the multilateral trading system contributes to the global response to climate change and promotes a positive contribution to the climate agenda, including through focused attention across sectors on the nexus between climate and trade.
3. Promote trade and investment that foster the diffusion, development, accessibility, and uptake of goods, services, and technologies that support climate mitigation and adaptation in both developed and developing countries.
4. Identify trade-related strategies supportive of the most vulnerable developing and least developed countries.
5. Build alliances and partnerships with climate and finance communities and relevant stakeholders to foster climate action, transitions, and climate-resilient development on the ground.

The Coalition members are committed to developing concrete actions to advance these important priorities.