

Trade and Sustainability Workshop

Date: 15 October 2025, 9:00-17:30 IST

Location: Le Meridien, Connaught Place, New Delhi, India

9:00 – 10:00	Registration & Networking
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome and Introduction - Moderated by Ms. Natasha Majumdar, Director amfori India Services Private Limited Mr Sumanta Chaudhuri, Principal Advisor, CII Trade Policy Dr (Prof.) James Nedumpara, Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, IIFT
10:30 – 11:00	Trade: New EU – India Free Trade Agreement The session is a 30-minute interview where Kathy Roussel explores the new EU-India Free Trade Agreement with trade expert Stuart Newman, focusing on its economic benefits and key challenges. The session aims to inform Indian businesses about trade opportunities with the EU, including preferences, exports, and sustainability-related issues like TSD, CSDDD, FLR, and EUDR - Moderated by Ms Kathy Roussel, Head of Advocacy and Engagement, amfori, Brussels Mr Stuart Newman, Senior Advocacy & Engagement Advisor, amfori, Brussels
11:00 – 12:30	Empowering Indian Businesses: Environmental Workshop This interactive session focuses on tackling Scope 3 emissions and climate transition planning in complex supply chains, with a strong emphasis on the Indian context. Participants will explore the challenges of environmental data collection and decarbonization beyond Tier 1 suppliers, and how tools like the amfori BEPI platform can support this process. Through group work and a real-life member testimonial, attendees will analyze emission hotspots, identify practical strategies, and learn from peer experiences. The session aims to equip participants with actionable insights to drive climate action across diverse supply chain tiers. Moderated by Mr Bruno Güemes, Product Manager Environment, amfori, Brussels

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Empowering Indian Businesses: Social Workshop This workshop explores how social due diligence can be leveraged as a competitive advantage, rather than just a compliance requirement. Participants will learn how to identify and manage social risks in supply chains, understand the role of social compliance audits, and gain practical insights into responsible business conduct. Through case studies and shared experiences, the session will highlight the roles of both buyers and suppliers in fostering continuous improvement. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies to embed due diligence into business practices and strengthen supply chain credibility. Moderated by Ms Aubree Evangelista, Product Manager Social
15:00 – 15:30	Tea and Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00	Empowering Indian Businesses: Governance Workshop This session offers a practical introduction to India's evolving ESG regulatory landscape and its impact on stakeholder governance. Participants will explore key frameworks like SEBI's BRSR, the Companies Act, and environmental and social regulations through interactive exercises and case studies. By mapping stakeholders and analyzing real-world dilemmas, attendees will gain insights into how governance decisions influence CSR, sustainability, and compliance. The session equips participants with tools to navigate ESG obligations and align strategies with Indian legal and market expectations. Moderated by Mr Youri Groenhart, Product Manager Governance
17:00 – 17:30	Closing remarks

We look forward to meeting you soon.

For further information, please contact Natasha Majumdar, Network Representative in India, amfori by email natasha.majumdar@amfori.org or Fatima Mubarak, Executive Officer, CII by email fatima.mubarak@cii.in

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Session Structure

1000 – 1045 hrs Registration & Networking with Tea & Coffee

1045 - 1130 hrs Inaugural Session

As international markets increasingly demand goods and services that are competitive, environmentally responsible, and socially inclusive, sustainability has become central to trade policy, business operations, and value chain resilience. Businesses must align with sustainability standards to secure market access and maintain competitiveness. India is actively positioning itself as a leader in sustainable development. Industry too is responding by adopting these frameworks, advancing clean technologies, and embedding circular economy models into their strategies.

Through this platform we aim to highlight India's journey in integrating sustainability into trade and economic growth, while also underscoring the strategic opportunities for Indian industry to strengthen global value chain participation. Anchored in CII's theme for 2025–26, "Accelerating Competitiveness: Globalisation, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Trust," the session will launch the deliberations on how India can scale up its preparedness and contribute to shaping a sustainable global trading system.

1045 - 1055	Welcome Remarks	Ms Kathy Roussel, Head of Advocacy & Engagement, amfori, Brussels
1055 – 1105	Setting the Context	Mr Sumanta Chaudhuri Principal Advisor, CII Trade Policy
1105 – 1110	Address	Ms Alice Tipping, Director, Trade and Sustainable Development, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Geneva
1110 - 1120	Address	Ms Sonia Parashar, Secretary General, Federation of European Business in India (FEBI)
1120 – 1130	Keynote Address	Mr Narayan Sethuramon, Co-Chairman, CII Trade Policy Council and Managing Director, Sanmar Matrix Metals Ltd

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1130 – 1230 hrs **Cleaner and Greener? Sustainability in trade policy and implications for Indian producers**

This session explores how evolving trade policies are increasingly shaped by sustainability concerns, from carbon border adjustments to green standards and certifications. It will explore the opportunities and challenges these shifts present for Indian producers, highlighting the need for adaptation, innovation, and compliance to stay competitive in global markets.

1130 – 1140	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Ms Alice Tipping, Director, Trade and Sustainable Development, IISD
1140 – 1150	Address	Ms Prachi Priya, Vice President & Head - Policy Advocacy & Economics Hindalco Industries Limited
1150 – 1200	Address	Mr Youri Groenhart, Product Manager Governance, amfori, Brussels
1200 – 1210	Address	Dr Anshu Bhardwaj, Programme Director, Green Transition & Climate Change, NITI Aayog
1210 – 1220	Address	Dr Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow & Research Lead (Trade & Economic policy), ISAS, NUS
1220 - 1230	Interaction and Close	

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1230 - 1330 hrs Beyond Tariffs: Advancing Sustainability into Free Trade Agreements

This session will explore how modern FTAs are increasingly integrating sustainability as a core pillar addressing climate commitments, green trade facilitation, and responsible supply chains. It will examine how these agreements can advance sustainability goals, highlighting real-world examples of successful collaborations between developed and developing countries. The discussion will also examine the evolving sustainability provisions in recent trade negotiations, offering Indian industries practical guidance on adapting business practices, leveraging green market opportunities, and ensuring long-term competitiveness in an era where trade and sustainability are deeply intertwined.

1230 - 1235 Presentation on TSD provisions in India's recent FTAs by CTIL

1235 – 1245	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Dr James Nedumpara, Head and Professor, Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), IIFT
1245 – 1255	Address	Mr Stuart Newman, Senior Advocacy & Engagement Advisor, amfori, Brussels
1255 – 1305	Address	Mr Petros Sourmelis, Head of Trade and Economic Section chez European Union Delegation to India
1305 – 1315	Address	Ms Shiny Pradeep, Assistant Professor, Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), IIFT
1315 – 1325	Address	Mr Abhishek Acharya, Director, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
1325 - 1330	Interaction and Close	

1330 – 1430 hrs Lunch hosted by Centre for Trade and Investment Law, IIFT

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1430 - 1500 hrs Fireside Chat - *Perspectives on Advancing Sustainable Trade*

In this warm dialogue, the session will talk about the strategic approach required to embed sustainability across a diversified business portfolio. The conversation will explore how ITC has navigated evolving ESG expectations, integrated sustainable practices across its supply chains, and leveraged innovation to drive competitive advantage. Attendees will gain unique insights into leadership mindsets, lessons learned, and the role of corporate vision in steering industry toward greener, more resilient models.

Session Moderated by **Ms Natasha Majumdar** Director, amfori India Services Private Limited

Interaction with Ms Madhulika Sharma, Vice President & Chief Sustainability Officer, ITC Limited

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1500 - 1600 hrs **Available Toolkits and Capacity Building for industries to navigate and embrace Sustainability**

This session will focus on practical resources and capacity-building initiatives that can help industries, particularly MSMEs, align with evolving global sustainability norms. The International Trade Centre (ITC) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) will showcase their jointly developed SME Sustainability Standards Navigation Toolkit, designed to guide businesses in meeting sustainability and due diligence requirements across global value chains. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will share insights from its work on Responsible business practices, while amfori will present ESG toolkits that support companies in integrating sustainability into operations and supply chains.

The session will provide participants with hands-on knowledge of available tools and frameworks, empowering Indian industry to build resilience, enhance compliance, and strengthen competitiveness in international markets.

1500 – 1520

Insights

Mr Joseph Wozniak,
Head, Trade for Sustainable Development, International
Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva (*virtual*)

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Ms Aparna Soni Bhalla,
Consultant, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines

1520 – 1530

Insights

Ms Nusrat Khan
Business and Human Rights National Specialist · UNDP,
India

1530 – 1540

Insights

Mr Bruno Güemes,
Product Manager Environment, amfori, Brussels

1540 - 1550

Insights

Dr Aparna Dhawan
Director-Global, Product Certification, Eurofins Assurance
India Private Ltd.

1550 - 1600

Interaction and Close

1600 – 1615 hrs **Tea & Coffee Break**

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1615 - 1730 hrs **Exclusive session on Key Challenges and Opportunities on the Path to Sustainability**

This session will explore the pressing challenges industries encounter in driving their sustainability agendas, while also highlighting inspiring success stories from Indian companies. Panelists will delve into issues such as navigating complex regulatory frameworks, bridging supply chain gaps, and addressing technological and / or financial barriers that often hinder progress. At the same time, the discussion will spotlight innovative solutions and best practices that are helping businesses turn these challenges into opportunities. Participants will gain practical insights and actionable strategies to build more resilient, competitive, and sustainable business models.

1615 – 1620	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr Sumanta Chaudhuri, Principal Adviser – International Trade Policy Division, CII
1620 – 1630	Address	Ms Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
1630 – 1640	Address	Ms Iris Strill & Mr Bishwadeep Moitra, Co – Founders, Silaiwali (WTO Winner in the Small Business Champions 2025 competition)
1640 – 1650	Address	Mr Ramnath Vaidyanathan, AVP & Head - Environmental Sustainability, Godrej Industries Group
1650 – 1720	Interaction and Close	

1720 – 1730 hrs **Vote of Thanks by Ms Linda Kromjong, President, amfori, Brussels (virtual)**