

The World Trade Organization and climate change - actions are necessary, but how can we leverage trade in our climate change response?

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In the first sentence of the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), WTO Members recognize the objective of sustainable development and protection and preservation of the environment. To date, however, the trade and environmental spheres have remained largely separate. This discussion will consider the current WTO structure, rules and jurisprudence in offering a view on how trade can better contribute to the climate change response. It will also consider potential opportunities for new rules to be developed at the organisation as part of the broader negotiations and WTO reform discussions underway.

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