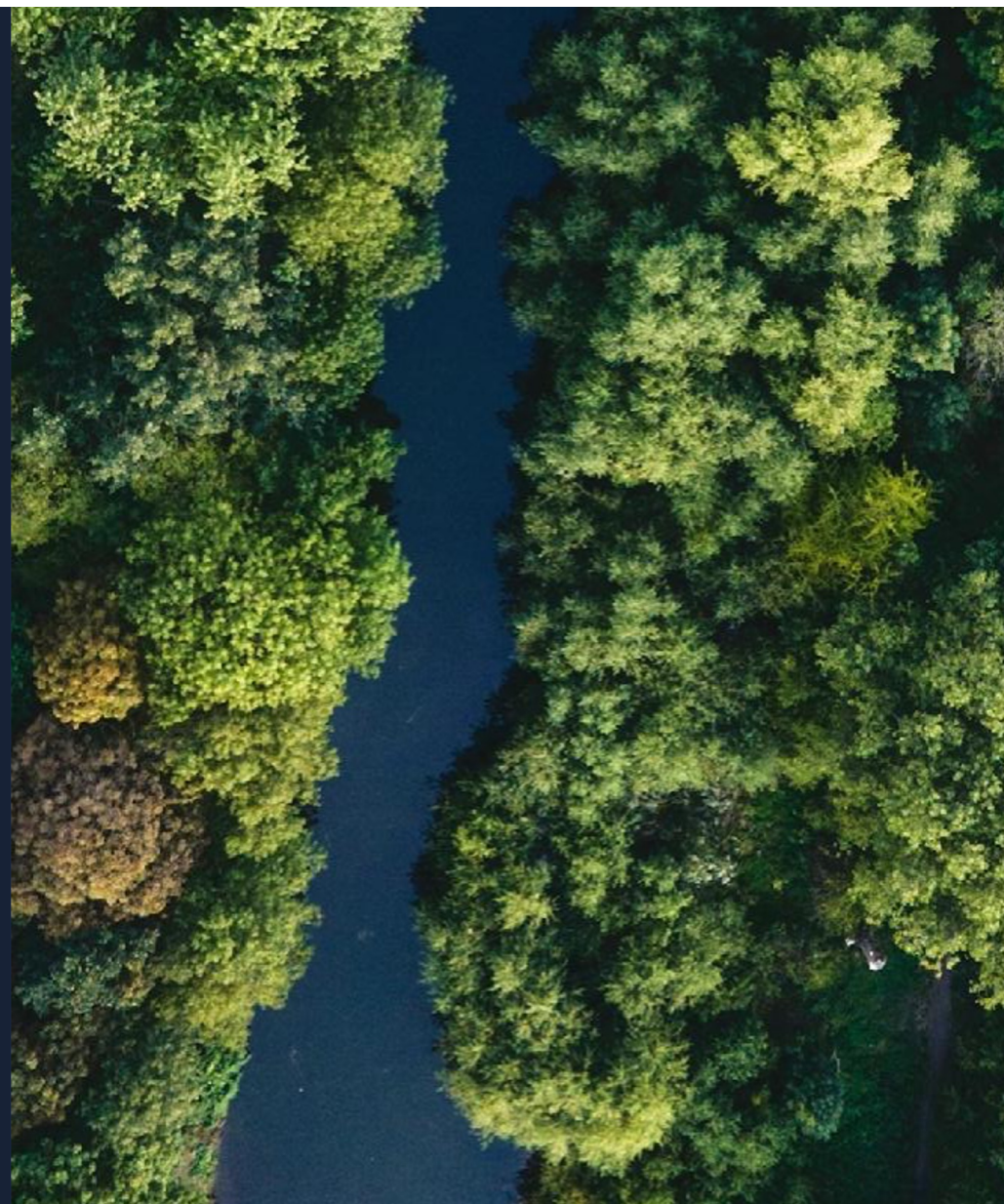




Integrated Forum on Climate Change & Trade

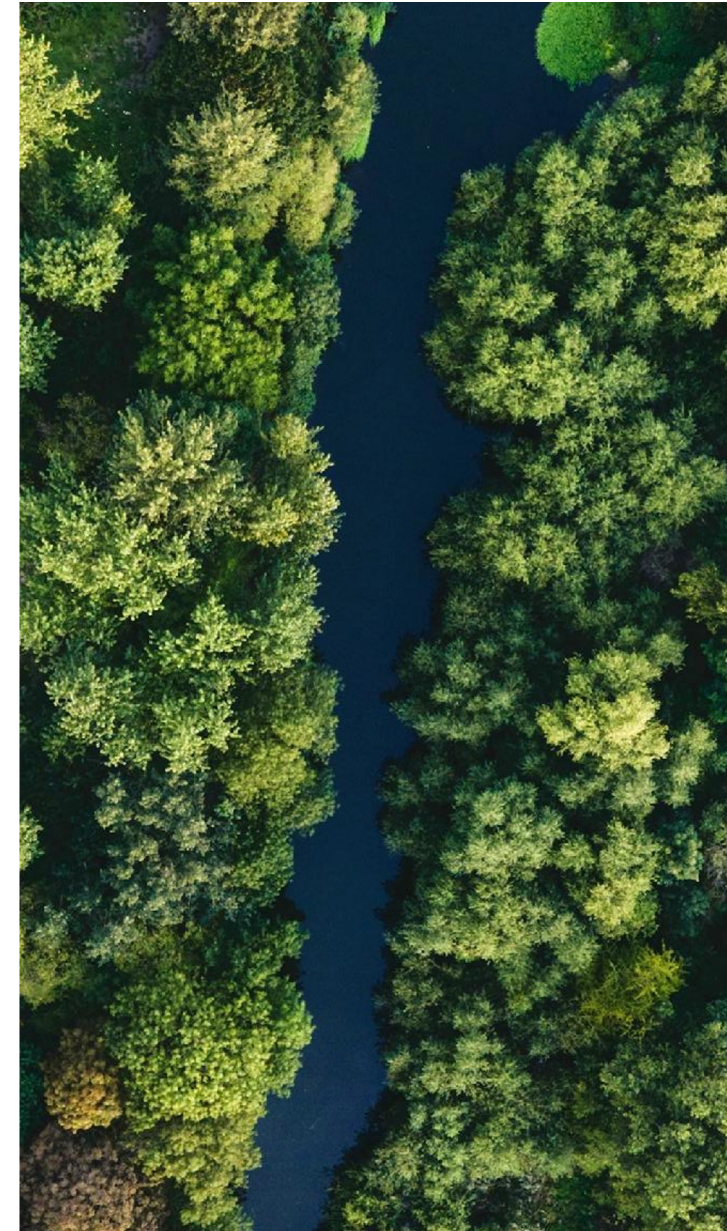
Stakeholder Briefing

11 September 2026



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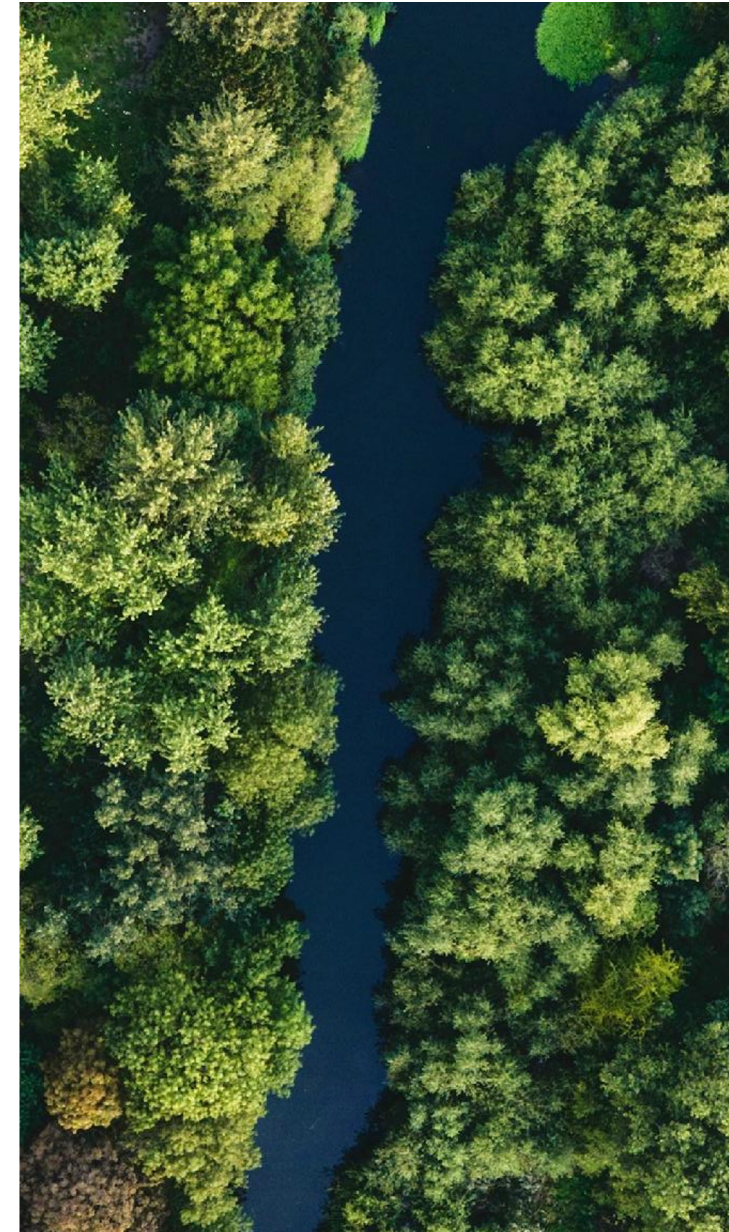
- Designed to provide a space for dialogue and solution-building at the intersection of climate change and trade.
 - Aims to fill a gap by creating an interdisciplinary space for exploratory, non-prejudicial, and solution-oriented dialogue among government officials, underpinned by non-government expert advice.
 - Aims to foster collaboration at different levels, deepen understanding of policy options, and build momentum around areas of convergence.
 - Institutionally independent of both the WTO and the UNFCCC, and respects their mandates.
 - The IFCCT does not operate through formal membership. Meetings and events of the IFCCT are organized under variable geometries and formats.
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Organisation of Work

IFCCT Sessions arranged as curated conversations with variable geometries and formats to support dialogue on the topic under consideration.

- **Technical Sessions:** solutions-oriented dialogue on given topic among technical officials from both climate and trade areas of responsibility. Considers input document that integrates reflections from Expert Panel and stakeholders.
 - **Senior Officials Sessions:** dialogue among senior officials from both climate and trade. Considers inputs from technical sessions.
 - **Ad Hoc Sessions:** sessions designed flexibly to explore specific topics or solutions in greater depth, may include participation from experts and stakeholders on invitation.
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Progress to Date:

Sep 2025	Concept introduced at WTO Public Forum Brazil's Ambassador Corrêa do Lago outlines vision for IFCCT
Nov 2025	Vision shared at WTO Committee on Trade and Environment Australia & Brazil jointly describe Forum's vision, emphasising its non-binding, Chatham House-style approach
Nov 2025	Formal launch at UNFCCC COP30 IFCCT launched by Brazil as part of COP30 Action Agenda
Nov 2025 - Mar 2026	Consultative phase led by Brazil and Australia 40+ governments consulted; 100+ stakeholder engagements; modalities refined; Secretariat established (TESS & CGEP)
Mar 2026	MC14 (Yaoundé) - shift to implementation Consultative phase concluded; initial roadmap announced
May 2026	Expert Panel Established Panel of esteemed global experts, co-chaired by Faizel Ismail of South Africa and Jo Tyndall of New Zealand appointed to inform the work of the IFCCT
June 2026	IFCCT Inaugural Meeting First meeting of the IFCCT informs the selection of two initial priority topics



Next Steps:



Topics Selected for Initial Phase of Work

1. Trade and Climate Adaptation

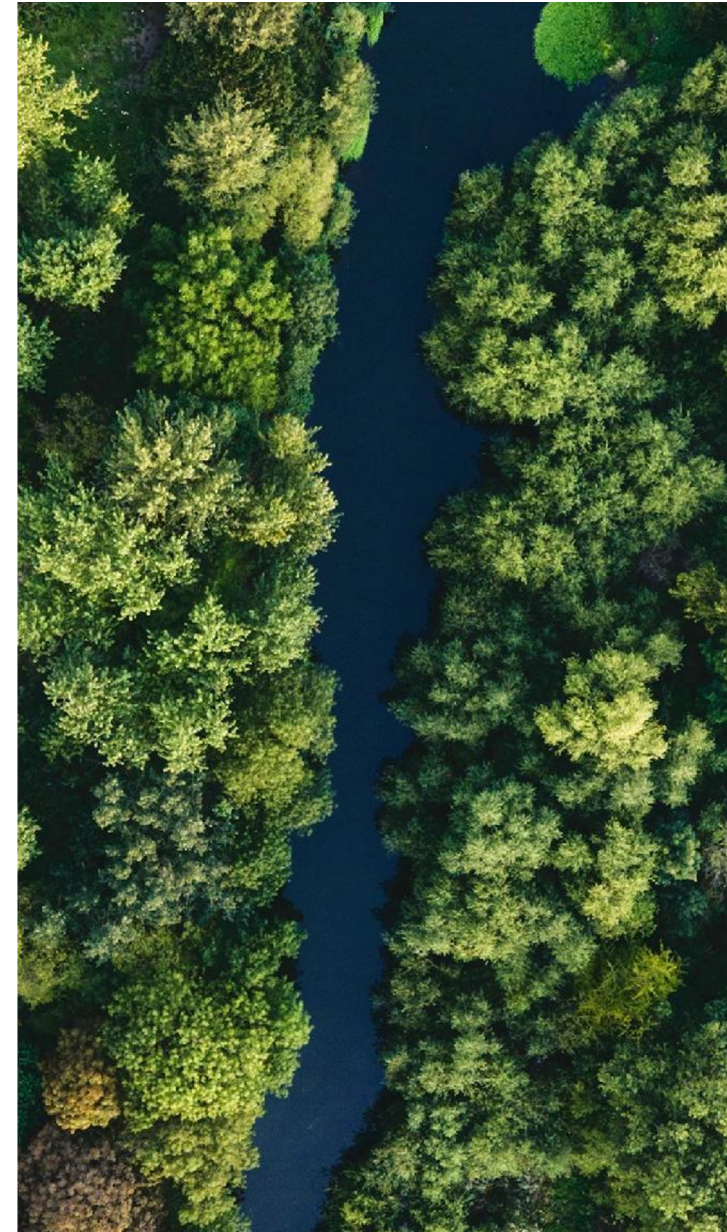
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- How can trade policy and trade cooperation support food security, productive systems and food related supply chains?

2. Bridging Climate and Trade Tools to Support Low Carbon Transitions

- How can governments strengthen transparency, interoperability, equivalences and confidence between different climate and trade systems while preserving domestic policy flexibility?
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Role of the IFCCT Expert Panel

- Distinguished experts and academics in a personal, honorary capacity.
 - Balanced: developing & developed country nationals; both climate and trade expertise.
 - Members do not represent governments, institutions, or constituencies.
 - Panel provides guidance to support Forum discussions.
 - Contributes to the preparation and review of Background Notes and technical materials.
 - Participates or presents in IFCCT sessions upon invitation.
 - Advises on emerging issues and opportunities for practical collaboration.
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IFCCT Expert Panel

confirmed as of 11 September 2026

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Jo Tyndall (Co-Chair)

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Hyoeun Jenny Kim

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Pascal Lamy

Amir Lebdioui

Makane Moïse Mbengue

Amina Mohamed

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Opportunities for Stakeholder Participation

WHO THE FORUM SEEKS TO HEAR FROM

- Inclusive - i.e. research institutions and technical bodies, civil society organisations, private sector associations, international organisations, labour and farmers organisations, indigenous peoples' organisations, academics, and others.

WHAT TO NOTE

- Participation by government officials in IFCCT activities does not constitute endorsement of any Forum output.
- All IFCCT proceedings are non-attributable, Chatham House Rule applies.
- All outputs are non-binding, non-negotiated and non-attributed.

HOW ENGAGEMENT WORKS

- Stakeholders may be invited to submit written views, analytical inputs and proposals to support IFCCT meetings and the work of the Expert Panel.
- Stakeholders may be consulted on an individual basis by Expert Panel or Secretariat to inform preparation of background papers.
- Stakeholder and experts may be invited to deliver presentations at IFCCT technical meetings (before government discussions begin).
- Ad hoc workshops on specific topics may include stakeholders as direct participants.
- Stakeholder consultations and periodic briefings to inform stakeholders of Forum progress.



Upcoming Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Sep – Oct 2026

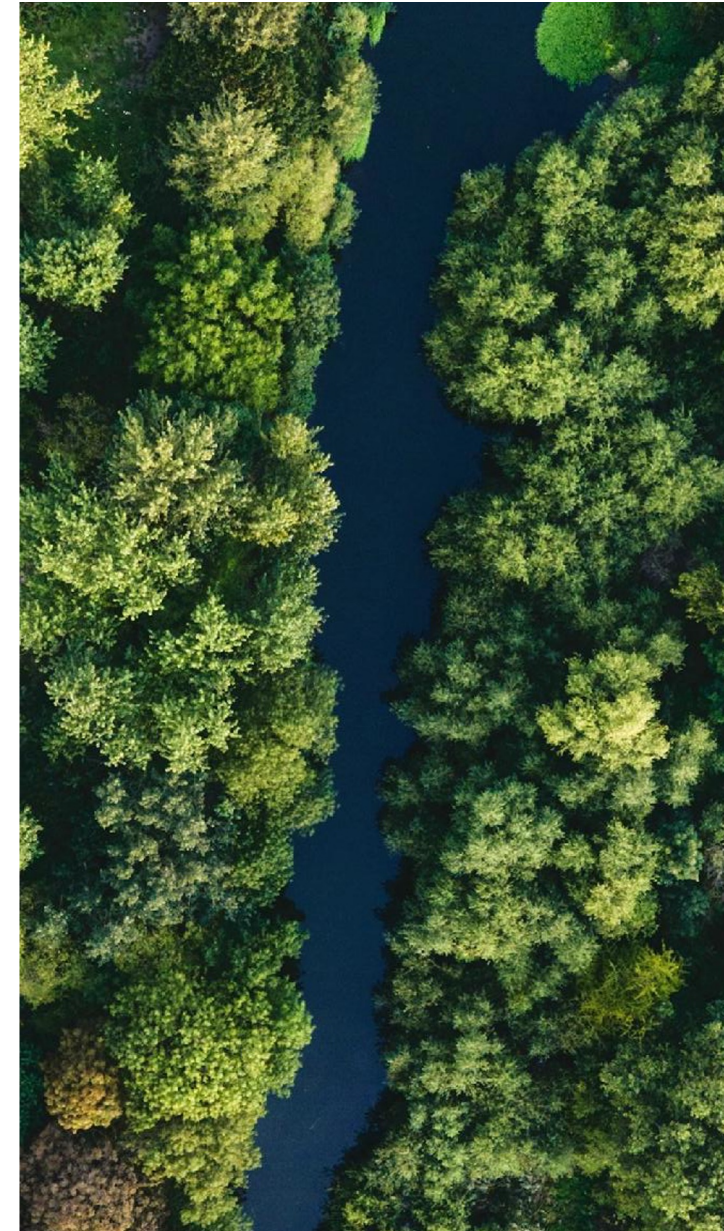
- Stakeholders invited to **submit written inputs** on the two initial priority topics
- Input to be focused on the three questions posed for each topic.

Nov 2026 – COP31, Antalya

- Public event at COP31.
- Join mailing list www.ifcct.org to be advised of event details.

Role of Secretariat in Stakeholder Engagement

- Secretariat facilitates stakeholder engagement in IFCCT activities.
 - IFCCT Secretariat can attend, in listening mode, various stakeholder meetings to gather insights and monitor developments and discussions relevant to the work of the IFCCT.
 - Secretariat may engage directly with the Secretariats of relevant IGOs.
 - Secretariat does not take positions or speak on behalf of the IFCCT.
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Guidance for Stakeholder Written Input

Stakeholders invited to **submit written inputs** on the two initial priority topics (focusing on the three questions posed for each topic).

- **Purpose:** Inputs of stakeholders will help inform the initial October IFCCT Technical Sessions among government officials.
- **Format:** Open. Responses to questions limited to **6 pages maximum per topic**, plus supporting reports and/or links to relevant reports and/or multimedia materials.
- **Focus:** Open. Not necessary to respond to all questions, free to choose to respond only to areas of interest and expertise.
- **Register:** Suggested to register intention to submit input to secretariat@ifcct.org by Friday 18 September.
- **Deadline for submission:** Friday 2 October.
- **Process for submission:** Email to: secretariat@ifcct.org
- **Queries to:** secretariat@ifcct.org
- **Details of call for input:** will be posted on www.ifcct.org and circulated to stakeholder mailing list (join via website)

Questions for Stakeholder Input

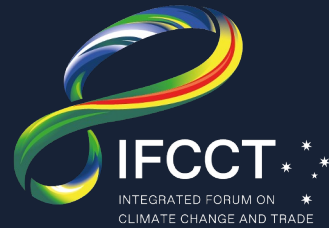
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