

# Achieving resilience through climate compatible trade: Aligning Africa's green recovery and the implementation agenda of the African Continental Free Trade Area

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COVID-19 had initially delayed implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, but now it is imperative it provides the stimulus needed and sets economies on greener trajectories as outlined in the African Union Green Recovery Action Plan.

Greater alignment with countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and trade policy is imperative for African countries in order to secure climate compatible trade as part of Africa's green recovery efforts. In addition, African countries will need to adapt to measures adopted elsewhere as part of green recovery endeavours.

There is now a strategic opportunity to advance green recovery efforts through the provisions included in the AfCFTA, as well as advance more aligned African trade and climate positions at the WTO.

This session will explore these aspects with specific reference to African-case studies, including Least Developed Countries, and draw out the broader implications for WTO members in securing climate compatible trade.

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