



PANEL DISCUSSION

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~Agenda~

As climate change impacts our environment in myriad ways, various governments and agencies are pursuing a wide range of measures, including unilateral means to combat the challenge. In the domestic sphere, there is an increasing rush to provide industrial support to enable the shift towards renewable forms of energy and impose taxes on products that are made from high carbon emission technologies. In the international sphere, regional trade agreements are witnessing enhanced sustainability standards, with a persistent push towards not derogating from the existing sustainability standards. Some of these standards, while seeking to achieve climate mitigation goals, can also impact less resourceful economies and industries. In this backdrop, this Panel will examine the questions and challenges that different unilateral economic measures by various economies are likely to raise for the multilateral trade and environmental regimes. (i) Will the reverberating impact of unilateral measures by different economies raise newer challenges for the WTO? (ii) What developmental questions does the present trend of measures raise for the multilateral environmental regime? (iii) How are the trade agreements with sustainability provisions setting the standards in customary international law?



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