



Agenda
UfM Workshop on Sustainable Supply Chains
9 -10 July 2024
Cairo, Egypt

Event moderator: *Climate & Company (C&C)*

Tuesday, 09 th July	
Local Time	Agenda Item
08:30 - 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:30	Opening Session
	Welcome by event moderator
	Opening remarks by Ms. Marwa Farghali, UfM Secretariat
	Welcome remarks by Mr. Kay Andraschko Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GIZ – Egypt Office
	Keynote by Mr. Giacomo Bogo Programme Officer – Trade, Investments and Digital Transformation EU Delegation to Egypt
	Keynote by Mr. Yahya Elwathik Bellah Ahmed First Undersecretary and Head of Egyptian Commercial Service ECS
09:30 - 10:30	<p>Presentation on <i>The European Green Deal and its relation to sustainable supply chains – the example of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)</i> Ms. Louise Simon Analyst Climate & Company</p> <p><i>The workshop will start with a first introduction into the European Green Deal. Participants will receive an overview of this strategy, its main content and structure and its relation to sustainable supply chains. The session will set the context of why we are discussing about sustainable supply chains in an international set-up. As part of this general introduction, the EUDR will be presented as an example of the increasing relevance of supply chains for environmental ambition. We will discuss its objective, its scope, its timeline, the upcoming review to potentially expand the scope to other ecosystems and other products, the type of obligations it includes, and the due diligence process foreseen. This session will present the opportunities arising from the EUDR for partner countries, as well as the challenges identified so far.</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	Q & A
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11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Presentation on <i>The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) – opportunities and implications for the MED region</i></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Luan Santos <i>External Advisor Climate & Company</i></p> <p><i>The European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) represents a pivotal step in global efforts to combat climate change by promoting the decarbonization of international supply chains. This session will delve into the intricacies of the CBAM, explaining its operational framework, the mechanism's overarching objectives and the relevance for the Mediterranean (MED). The primary aim of the CBAM is to mitigate the risk of carbon leakage by ensuring that import prices for certain goods reflect their carbon content. This is particularly relevant for businesses and suppliers in the Southern Mediterranean region exporting to the EU, as it introduces a new dimension to trade and environmental sustainability.</i></p>
12:30 – 13:00	Q & A
13:00 – 14:30	Networking Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	<p>EUDR and CBAM deep dive</p> <p>Moderator: Climate & Company Trainers: Louise Simon, Luan Santos and Climate & Company Team</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Wrap Up and conclusion Day 1</p> <p>Moderator: Climate & Company</p>



Wednesday, 10 th July	
Local Time	Agenda Item
09:00 – 0930	Arrival and welcome coffee
09:30 -10:30	<p>Presentation on <i>The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) – opportunities and implications for the MED region</i></p> <p>Ms. Louise Simon Analyst Climate & Company</p> <p><i>This session will explore the newly adopted CSDDD’s framework, which mandates companies to integrate human rights and environmental considerations into their operations and supply chains. We will discuss the opportunities this presents for MED countries. Participants will gain insights into the directive’s implications for businesses and policymakers, and how to navigate and leverage these changes for a more sustainable future.</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Q & A
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<p>Presentation on <i>The interface between the EU sustainable finance disclosure framework and EU supply chain-related regulations and the role of global harmonisation</i></p> <p>Ms. Louise Simon Analyst Climate & Company</p> <p><i>Achieving the objectives of the CBAM and the EUDR (as well as other related regulatory measures with environmental and social ambition) hinges on transparency. Sustainability disclosures can generate transparency about firms’ sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities along their supply chains. Thus, sustainability disclosure practices and regulations can lay the foundation for other regulations such as CBAM and the EUDR, which, too, rely on reliable and comparable corporate sustainability information. In that regard, sustainability disclosures and related regulations like the CSRD do not only decrease information asymmetries between firms’ and their stakeholders, but also facilitate the implementation of other sustainable finance and trade-related regulations. This session will dive deeper into the interlinkages between the EUDR and CBAM with the sustainable finance framework (such as the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the EU Taxonomy Regulation). The role of policy coherence as well as international harmonisation of disclosure frameworks will be discussed.</i></p>



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12:30-13:00	Q & A
13:00-14:30	Networking Lunch
14:30-15:15	<i>Reflexion, feedback, and outlook on the workshop</i> Moderator: Climate & Company
15:15-15:45	Wrap up and conclusion Day 2 Moderator: Climate & Company
15:45-16:00	Closing by Mr. Mohamed Elrazzaz, UfM Secretariat
16:00	End of event

Simultaneous interpretation Arabic/English/French

Venue:

Hotel Steigenberger El Tahrir, Cairo