



## Workshop 6 - Biodiversity, Trade and Economic Cooperation

### **General objective**

- Ensure coherence between trade, economic and development cooperation in support of sustainable development, with a focus on the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources



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### Invited speakers

- Alain Lipietz, MEP (Chair)
- Kamal Gueye, ICTSD, Geneva
- Sophie des Clers, UCL, UK
- Papa Samba Diouf, WWF Senegal
- José Parajuá Aranda, CEPPT, Spain
- Walter Kennes, EC, DG Development
- Saskia Ozinga, FERN, UK
- Joaquim Machado, Syngenta Brazil
- Sebastien Risso, Greenpeace Europe
- Maria-Fernanda Espinosa, IUCN South America



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### Key questions

- What instruments to improve the coherence of development cooperation, trade and economic cooperation, from a biodiversity perspective?
- What instruments to increase the proportion of EU imports of natural and agricultural products from partner countries derived from sustainable management systems?
- What are the response options of the EC, member states, partner states, private sector, and NGOs to reach these objectives?



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### Recommendations

#### 1. Participation, capacities, information

- Biodiversity can only be defended with active social participation
- National capacity building is needed to promote sustainable development through trade
- International trade can put excessive pressure on living resources or induce ecosystem change. Trade agreements must therefore be preceded and accompanied by integrated assessments and be compatible with the CBD



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### Recommendations

#### 2. Protect and value biodiversity in trade

- Measures to protect biodiversity, such as quotas or prohibitions, must be accompanied by legal measures to ensure their enforcement
- Certification should not be optional, and the public should be informed and involved in the standard-setting process
- All subsidies that encourage production harmful to biodiversity should be eliminated



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### Recommendations

#### 2. Protect and value biodiversity in trade (continued)

- The non-market value of biodiversity should be recognized and eco-compatible uses promoted (e.g.: ecotourism, carbon sequestration, community intellectual property rights)
- Global or inter-regional trade agreements should promote high environmental and social standards and avoid unfair competition