



## FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDY REFORM (FFSR)

### CONVENING NOTICE

The following convening notice, dated 28 September 2022, is being circulated at the request of New Zealand.

1.1. The Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (FFSR) initiative will hold its meeting in hybrid mode on **Monday, 3 October 2022**, from **15:00** (Geneva/CEST). All WTO Members are invited to attend the meeting. Please see technical arrangements in Annex I.

### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks by the Coordinator
2. Stocktake of current activities related to FFSR by WTO Members and international bodies relevant for further discussion under the WTO, including on definitions and understanding of relevant concepts
  - a. International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) will introduce their Policy Brief and Stocktake of International Efforts Related to FFSR
  - b. Presentation of the report "Subsidies, Trade, and International Cooperation" prepared jointly by the IMF, OECD, World Bank, and WTO
  - c. Overview of APEC FFSR Transparency Template and Voluntary Standstill Mechanism
  - d. Overview of the state of play on FFSR under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) following the Glasgow Climate Pact
3. Stocktake and assessment of existing evidence of environmental harms from fossil fuel subsidies and gaps in the evidence base
  - a. Update by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on reporting under Sustainable Development Goal Target 12.c
4. Follow-up discussion by delegations
  - a. Open discussion by delegations on the presentations under the first two agenda items above, including drawing on the following guiding questions. Delegations may also send written replies to these guiding questions:
    - i. What cross-government mechanisms are used to establish an economy-wide understanding of support measures relevant to fossil fuel subsidies? What tools are available to cosponsors to assess the fiscal and environmental impacts of various measures, and where are the information gaps?

- ii. Recalling the commitment in [WT/MIN\(21\)/9/Rev.2](#) to share information and experience to advance discussion in the WTO, what areas of focus and processes for information sharing, technical workshops or presentations would assist cosponsors in advancing domestic reform efforts, as well as work to advance multilateral action?
  - iii. What existing avenues at the WTO can be utilised to better understand the trade, economic and environmental impacts of fossil fuel subsidies, and what additional information is needed to better evaluate these? For example, could the WTO Secretariat compile examples of questions related to FFS raised in the Trade Policy Review Body and the Subsidies and Countervailing Duties Committee for use by cosponsors to improve transparency on FFSR via these tools and potential for coordination among cosponsors? Any other suggestions for use of existing WTO avenues?
  - iv. What opportunities exist for collaboration with other international processes relevant to FFSR? e.g. UNFCCC, APEC, G20
5. Interventions by other stakeholders
- a. Other stakeholders are invited to provide updates on areas of work relevant to FFSR and offer any reflections on options for advancing this work at the WTO
  - b. Closing and information on the next meeting
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## **ANNEX I**

### **Technical Arrangements**

Please note that this meeting will be held in hybrid mode (Room E and via Zoom).

#### **REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Delegates wishing to participate virtually via the Zoom platform, including capital-based officials, must register through this link:

[https://worldtradeorganization.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeGvqToqEtZfckTgaLjmfsJKDVesaZ\\_g](https://worldtradeorganization.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeGvqToqEtZfckTgaLjmfsJKDVesaZ_g)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If prompted for the following information when accessing the meeting, please enter:

**Meeting ID** – 842 2877 1082

**Meeting Passcode** – 031022

#### Before the meeting:

- We are available 30 minutes before the meeting to test your connection with you.

#### During the meeting:

- If technical difficulties result in delegations being unable to intervene virtually under a given agenda item, the opportunity to take the floor will be given at an appropriate juncture before the meeting closes. Should the technical problem persist, delegations may contact the meeting coordinators ([ffsr@wto.org](mailto:ffsr@wto.org)) during the course of the meeting, either to send their statement for it to be read out during the meeting, or to request that the attendees be informed of their interest in the item under consideration and their intention to circulate their written statement after the meeting.

#### **ATTENDANCE IN THE MEETING ROOM**

For the health protection of all, and to respect the sanitary measures in place, masks remain recommended in common areas and meeting rooms.

#### **STATEMENTS**

To facilitate interpretation, delegations are strongly encouraged to send their written statements to the Secretariat ([ffsr@wto.org](mailto:ffsr@wto.org)) before the meeting starts. Statements will also be gratefully received during the meeting ([ffsr@wto.org](mailto:ffsr@wto.org)).

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