



International Centre for Trade  
and Sustainable Development



## **Ensuring Access to Water and Sanitation - The Trade Dimension**

*-ICTSD and IUCN Side event, 22 April 2004, Conference Room 1, UN  
Commission on Sustainable Development 12th session, New York.*

**1.15 to 2.45pm**

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**The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)**

## Agenda and Speakers\*

Opening remarks – Tracking the linkages: Current international trade negotiations and sustainable development objectives

- **John Scanlon**, *Head, Environmental Law Programme, The World Conservation Union (IUCN)*, Gland, Switzerland.

The WTO, the WSSD Johannesburg Mandate and the Millennium Development Goals: Strengthening systemic linkages

- **Mahesh Sugathan**, *ICTSD Geneva, Switzerland.*

Trade negotiations at the WTO and the regions: their relevance to water, sanitation and sustainability

- **Federico Cuello**, *former Ambassador to the WTO, Pontificia Universidad, Dominican Republic*

Implications of the GATS Negotiations on 'regulatory policy space' in water and sanitation

- **Michelle Swenarchuk**, *Canadian Environmental Law Association, Toronto, Canada.*

Access to clean drinking water and wastewater management, international and regional trade: A study of Mexico

- **Enrique Lendo Fuentes**, *Consulting services in Public Policy, Tlalpan, Mexico*

Open Discussion

### Moderator

-**Chantal Line Carpentier**, *Head, Environment, Economy and Trade Program, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), Montreal, Canada*

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\* The side-event will be structured around presentations on key themes related to water, sanitation and trade by noted experts working on these issues and coming from a variety of backgrounds including environment and trade policy makers and negotiators, lawyers, consultants and regional analysts as well as academia and civil society. In brief presentations of about ten to fifteen minutes, the speakers will strive to present in a succinct and selective manner the issues they deem most relevant to the trade, water and sanitation linkage from systemic, policy and regional perspectives. It is hoped that this broad range of presentations, followed, by an open discussion will serve to ignite further debate, research and dialogues on the issue amongst the trade and sustainable development communities attending the event.