

**CPTPP ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2023****Meeting Summary**

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**Committee Report**

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Environment Committee (ENV) meeting was held in a hybrid format via videoconference and in-person participation on 26 and 27 June 2023 in Auckland, New Zealand. Delegates from the following CPTPP Members participated: Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, and Singapore. The meeting was chaired by New Zealand.

1. A summary of items is set out below any outcomes confirmed under the respective agenda.

**DAY ONE – 26 JUNE 2023****1. AGENDA ITEM 1**

- Delegates gather at venue.

**2. AGENDA ITEM 2: MIHI (WELCOME)**

- New Zealand welcomed CPTPP Environment delegates with a mihi whakatau (a traditional Māori welcome).

**3. AGENDA ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING**

- The Chair asked each delegation to introduce themselves and their colleagues.

**4. AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- Following Canada's suggestion, Members agreed to switch the order for items 9 and 10 to discuss the chapter review before the Joint Ministerial Statement. The Committee decided to adopt the agenda (Annex 1) with modifications.

**5. AGENDA ITEM 5: PANEL DISCUSSION – NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT**

- Presentations and discussion took place on developments in trade and environment in FTAs – New Zealand presented on the Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and
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Sustainability (ACCTS) currently under negotiation and Australia presented on the UK - Australia FTA Environment chapter.

**6. AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8: OFF-SITE VISITS TO CLIMATE CONNECT AOTEAROA - HUB FOR COLLABORATIVE CLIMATE INNOVATION, AND MINT INNOVATION.**

- Delegates who attended in person (Australia, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Singapore and New Zealand) undertook visits to innovative New Zealand businesses focused on climate and circular economy outcomes. Delegates visited Climate Connect Aotearoa and Mint Innovation.

**DAY TWO – 27 JUNE 2023**

**9. AGENDA ITEM 9: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ENVIRONMENT CHAPTER REVIEW**

- **Members** confirmed that the CPTPP Environment Chapter continues to be robust, ambitious, and of high quality. Some **members** noted that the CPTPP remains the highest level of environment commitments that they have made in a trade agreement. **Members** noted that the CPTPP Environment Chapter had facilitated cooperation on environmental issues of mutual interest in recent years. **Members** shared the desire for the CPTPP Environment Chapter to continue to be high quality and a model to draw on.
  - **Members** noted the importance of implementation, with some noting that, having only recently ratified CPTPP, this was still a major focus for them. **Members** confirmed that there was potential for cooperation on environmental issues of mutual concern within the Environment Chapter.
  - **Members** had an initial discussion on environmental issues that were not included in the Environment Chapter, for example, climate change. **Members** noted that the Environment Committee remained open about collaborating on such issues when there was mutual interest and welcomed this constructive approach. Some Members advocated for updating the Chapter to reflect these new themes, but the Committee was unable to reach consensus on this matter.
  - **Members** accepted **New Zealand's** proposal for a focused and efficient review of the Environment Chapter.
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**10. AGENDA ITEM 10: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LANGUAGE FOR THE JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

- **Members** found agreement on language for the Joint Ministerial Statement.

**11. AGENDA ITEM 12: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ACTIVITIES AND PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION**

- **Japan** presented on its proposals on future cooperation activities.

**12. AGENDA ITEM 13: COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Given the CPTPP-mandated requirement for a review of Chapter 20 in 2023, **Members** decided that **New Zealand** would circulate a draft committee report for feedback.
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## **ANNEX A**

### **CPTPP Environment Committee**

**26 and 27 June 2023, In-Person and Virtual, 9:15am (NZT)**

<b>Date and Time:</b>	26 and 27 June 2023, Auckland
<b>Monday 26 June</b>	
<b>ITEM 1</b>	Delegates attending in person to gather
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>Mihi (welcome) and morning tea</b>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<b>Introductions and Housekeeping</b>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>Panel discussion: new developments in trade and environment</b>
<b>ITEM 7</b>	<b>Presentation and discussions with Climate Connect Aotearoa</b>
<b>ITEM 8</b>	<b>Site visit to Mint Innovation</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 June</b>	
<b>ITEM 9</b>	<b>Exchange of views on the Environment Chapter review</b>
<b>ITEM 10</b>	<b>Exchange of views on language for the Joint Ministerial Statement</b>
<b>ITEM 11</b>	Time set aside to continue exchange of views, as needed
<b>ITEM 12</b>	<b>Exchange of views on activities and proposals for cooperation</b>
<b>ITEM 13</b>	<b>Committee Report</b>