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Trade for all

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- ✓ Human rights –dignity, right to own wealth, labour rights
- ✓ Social inclusion-women,youth and disadvantaged
- ✓ Limited objective- should be overall development
- ✓ Differential treatment, Advantage to big farmers and producers
- ✓ Transparency issues in trade agreements, access to documents is a challenge
- ✓ Trade agreements limiting capacity of governments and weakening democracy
- ✓ Fair trade reduces tariff, disadvantaged negotiations , lowering standards in the name of environmental concerns

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- ✓ Change in national trade policies-political scene
- ✓ Bilateral, regional agreements
- ✓ Capacity of people and countries
- ✓ Environmental concerns, democracy, labour rights, human rights, civil society participation should be binding
- ✓ Patent system to the advantage

How could the EU contribute to tackle those challenges?

- ✓ Building capacity of countries to keep up standards in production and trade .
- ✓ Capacity to negotiate from the position of equality, power dynamics
- ✓ Focus on overall development of trade partner countries
- ✓ Make the sustainability chapters of the trade agreements binding
- ✓ Ensure that the products entering the EU market are from legal and sustainable sources
- ✓ Already timber and fish regulations are in place to avoid illegal trade of these commodities
- ✓ Such regulations should be extended to other commodities and products
- ✓ Especially support eco friendly and fair products