

**TESSD**  
**INFORMAL WORKING GROUP**  
**ON ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS**  
**AND SERVICES**

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Mission of Ecuador to the WTO

# MANDATE

- MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
  - *“Explore opportunities and possible approaches for promoting and facilitating trade in environmental goods and services to meet environmental and climate goals, including through addressing supply chain, technical and regulatory elements”*
  - Co-sponsored by more than 70 WTO Members.

# WORK PLAN 2022

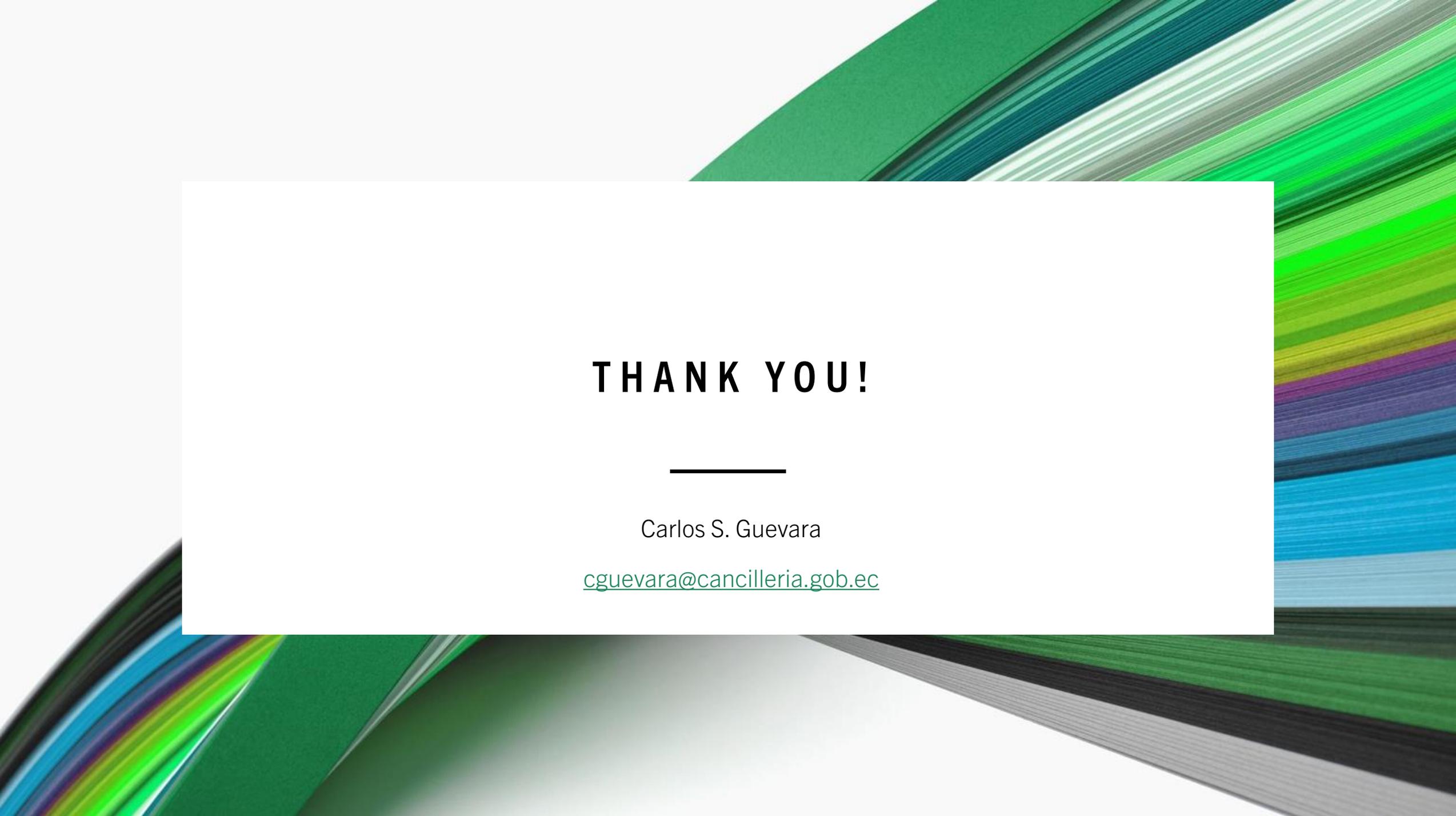
- How can trade in EGS aid in achieving environment / climate goals?
- What are the opportunities, best practices & possible approaches for promoting / facilitating trade in EGS to meet environment / climate goals?
  - Supply chain, technical / regulatory elements, access to climate friendly technologies, attention to issues of particular interest to developing countries.
- What challenges / policies impede ability of DC / LDC to engage / maximize benefits of trade in EGS; how these can be addressed?

# STATE OF PLAY

- IWG: 2 meetings (May and October) + plenary sessions
- First meeting: discussion on priorities (objectives and sectors)
  - IRENA presentation trade – related challenges and opportunities.
- Second meeting: Non-tariff measures and services
  - Uruguay's national experience on renewable energy / APEC services experience
- Focus on topics beyond market access / trade tariffs
  - NTMs, regulatory frameworks, technology transfer, capacity building

# STATE OF PLAY

- Participants have welcomed a staged approach
  - Objectives / sectors (First example: Climate action / Renewable energy)
- Common understanding of the discussion
- Levels of ambition vary widely
- Way forward: Dig deeper in elements we have discussed and include others from the Work Plan (e.g. technology transfer)
- Better idea of challenges faced by DC / LDC (engagement)



**THANK YOU!**

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