

Evidence Committee

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Citizens' Assembly on Trade and Climate is a joint venture between Queen Mary University of London and the Trade Justice Movement. It is a deliberative research project designed to understand *how should UK trade policy support climate action?*

The project will allow c.60 members of the public to engage with the intersection of trade and environment policy and provide their thoughts on the pros and cons of aligning trade policy with environmental protection. To assist this process, they will be presented with evidence from a range of experts from a variety of backgrounds including academia, business and civil society, and covering a range of topics.

Evidence Committee

The project has two governance bodies, the Advisory Board and the Evidence Committee. The purpose of the Evidence Committee is to support the project team in ensuring that the information discussed by participants is accurate and that evidence is gathered from a range of perspectives. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide oversight for the Trade and Climate Assembly in order for it to best achieve its objectives.

We will be looking for guidance, feedback and challenge from the Evidence Committee, who will have expertise in aspects of trade policy, climate policy or deliberative research methods. The main duty for members will be to attend Committee meetings organised by the Project team, which are likely to be held virtually.

Members

Ruth Bergan, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Transform Trade

Maddie Harris, Senior Evidence Specialist, Joint Nature Conservation Committee

James Harrison, Professor of Law, University of Warwick

Luke Maxfield, Senior Analyst, Carbon Budgets Team, Climate Change Commission

Ludivine Petetin, Reader in Law, Cardiff University

Organisers

Liam Campling, Professor of International Business and Development, Queen Mary University of London [Chair]

George Holt, Lead Researcher, Trade Justice Movement

Susan Ritchie, Mutual Gain [Lead facilitator]

Tom Wills, Director, Trade Justice Movement

Membership

1. The Evidence Committee will be a mix of topic experts on both trade and the environment.
2. The Evidence Committee will normally consist of not more than 10 members.
3. The membership of the Evidence Committee will be published on the project website, as well as listed in the acknowledgements of the final project report.

Time commitment

1. We anticipate the Committee to meet 3-5 times during the evidence creation phase of the project. These are likely to be in Spring 2024, at fairly frequent intervals, such as every 2-3 weeks.
2. In order to meaningfully discuss the evidence, members will need to read/watch draft evidence submissions in advance of meetings, which will be circulated by the project team.

Practical information

Evidence Committee meetings will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

Meetings will be chaired by Liam Campling and facilitated by Susan Ritchie, Mutual Gain, our deliberative research partner for the Assembly.

Membership of the Evidence Committee and these terms of reference are published on the project website: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/trade-climate-assembly/>

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The Evidence Committee role is voluntary, but any expenses incurred undertaking the role can be considered for reimbursement.

