

**TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT GOVERNANCE AT THE
WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ON
TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT**

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Written by Ambassador Manuel Teehankee, *Trade & Environment Governance at the World Trade Organization Committee on Trade & Environment* is an attempt to evaluate and understand the twenty-five years of work of the World Trade Organization Committee on Trade and Environment ("CTE") by providing an examination of the work outputs, proceedings and workings of the CTE. According to the author's preface, this book focuses on a "more nuanced and contextualized approach at assessing the work processes and deliberations of the CTE, as part of the general evolution of the trade, development, and environment legal and policy regimes."

Here, the author introduces the CTE, narrating its history and formation, structure, workings of the secretariat, and chair processes. He discusses the formal ten-point work mandate and program of the CTE grouped into the five thematic areas of work: (i) Norm Hierarchy and Specific Trade Obligations in multilateral environmental agreement, (ii) Transparency, (iii) Carbon, standards, and eco-labeling, (iv) market access issues, and (v) the special issues of domestically prohibited goods, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights ("TRIPS") and Services. The book also details the specific work areas of the CTE, specifically on the interface of trade rules and environmental policy-making, and the significance of the theoretical frameworks of increased international coordination, cooperation, and transparency mechanisms. This part also affords further insight into the product of the CTE's work in bringing greater understanding to the areas of Carbon, Standards, Eco-labelling, DPGs, TRIPS, and market access. Finally, the book concludes with an integration of the author's findings, key insights, and recommendations on the work of the CTE, one of which is for the committee to put greater effort into fostering awareness in the thematic work areas of the CTE and its theoretical frameworks to allow for the growth of globalized trade and environment governance mechanisms and for the empowerment of stakeholders in devising localized solutions for environmental issues.