



*Where is global trade taking us?
Where will it leave our communities and businesses?
What should we do?*

SUSTAINABLE REGIONS and GLOBAL TRADE:

A workshop on global trade and its relation to socially, ecologically, and economically sustainable regional development—at both ends and everywhere in-between.

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Brattleboro, Vermont, USA

Presentations, Discussions, Updates, Training, Networking, Exhibits, Site Visits

Workshop Themes

GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

- Global and continental institutions and how they impact trade
- Trade's contributions to social equity, justice, and ecological renewal
- Supply-chain certification schemes, social audits, and other kinds of NGO-led civil governance
- Fair trade for disaster relief and sustainable recovery and reconstruction
- How fair, ethical trade builds bridges between people and communities

LOCAL AND REGIONAL POLICY

- The foreign trade zone concept and regional development
- Municipal and regional fair trade zones
- Trade vs. self-reliance in the quest for sustainable local and regional economies

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Fair trade and Ethical trade: Cases, management practices, financing, regulations, trends
- Tools of accountability management/CSR in global supply chains
- Business-led partnerships, capacity-building, and supply-chain consolidation
- Trade-related social entrepreneurship and socially responsible business

AN INVITATION TO DIALOGUE

The dominant mode of the workshop will be dialogue, rather than formal paper presentations. Oral presentations must be kept brief and focus on the workshop themes above. You are invited to submit proposals of 200-300 words by email attachment, by January 16, 2006. Please include "SIT-GIN 2006 Proposal" in the subject line of your message. If submitting a proposal, you must also send us a completed registration form.

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