

# Chamber Convenes International Coalition on Sustainable Growth



On Tuesday morning, the Chamber convened the first meeting of the International Policy Coalition on Sustainable Growth (CSG) with a webinar focused on sustainable trade. The event brought together experts from the business, think tank, and government communities to discuss balancing the imperatives of environmental protection and economic recovery in sustainable trade policies.

“The choice between environment and growth is a false choice,” said Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategy, Japan. “We must balance globalization and sustainable growth to rebuild better after the pandemic.”

The discussion centered on sustainable economic growth and panelists agreed that a systemic approach spanning across diverse issue areas and geographic boundaries is required.

“Coronavirus has illustrated the need for systemic thinking. Health care, commerce, transportation systems, water management, and urban development all intersect with environmental issues,” said Gary Litman, Vice President for Global Initiatives at the U.S. Chamber.

The CSG will convene further virtual consultations to develop proposals in advance of the September G20 meeting. Further information on the Chamber’s sustainable growth Policy Pillars and Engagement Scope can be found on the CSG webpage at [greengrowthpolicy.com](https://www.uschamber.com/greengrowthpolicy) or on the U.S. Chamber’s [Sustainability and Trade Recommendations](#) page.