

## Public Lecture Notice

### Date/Time

Tuesday October 17, 2023, 13:30 – 14:30

### Location

Room A503, JianHua Building Hall, Tsinghua SEM

### Audience

(Onsite Simultaneous Interpretation available)

### Speaker

H.E. Mr. José Valencia

Chairperson of WTO's Committee on Trade and Environmen

Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the WTO

### Background

Green, low-carbon and sustainable development is the international trend, and how trade and the environment interact in a positive manner has become a major global issue. The World Trade Organization plays a main channel role in the development of trade rules related to environment and climate change. China is a firm leader in the concept of green development and a positive contributor to global carbon reduction and emission reduction. José VALEM CIA, Chairman of the Trade and Environment Committee of the World Trade Organization and Ambassador of Ecuador to the World Trade Organization, was invited to visit Tsinghua University for academic exchanges and lectures during his visit to China.

### About the Speaker

A career diplomat, Ambassador Jose Valencia was appointed as the Permanent Representative to the WTO and other economic international organizations in Geneva in July 2020.

Ambassador Valencia has served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, Ambassador to South Africa and observer of

Ecuador to the African Union (Addis Ababa), and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the Organization of American States in Washington, DC.

He also held posts in the Permanent Missions of Ecuador to the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and within the Ministry at the Capital Headquarters including as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, chief of staff of the Undersecretary for Political Affairs,



Director General of Human Rights, and Director General of Multilateral Affairs.  
He was Executive Director of “Participación Ciudadana” (2004-2008), a non-profit NGO promoting citizen participation in the public sphere ; a pro-bono lawyer at the Human Rights Clinic of the Catholic University of Ecuador ; and worked as an associate professor of Public International Law (San Francisco de Quito University), and Latin American – USA Relations (Catholic University of Quito,Ecuador).

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