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New Zealand-China Talks Focus on Climate Innovation, Finance, and Emissions Reduction

New Zealand and China reinforced their commitment to climate cooperation at the Seventh Ministerial Climate Change Dialogue, held in New Zealand between Climate Change Minister Simon Watts and China's Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu at the end of August 2026. The Dialogue highlighted opportunities to deepen collaboration in areas with significant economic and trade relevance, including agricultural methane emissions, climate innovation, low-emissions technologies, and sustainable finance. The two sides emphasised that continued cooperation could support the transition to low-emissions economies while creating opportunities for innovation and investment.

New Zealand-Australia Trade Ministers meet in Auckland

At the annual Closer Economic Relations (CER) Trade Ministers' Meeting in Auckland, New Zealand and Australia agreed to accelerate work on a more ambitious Single Economic Market agenda. Ministers welcomed a range of initiatives aimed at deepening trans-Tasman economic integration, including a new business to government collaboration programme focused on reducing the cost of doing business across the Tasman, greater regulatory and standards alignment, and closer cooperation on regional and global trade issues. The meeting also highlighted opportunities for New Zealand businesses associated with the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, including a planned trade mission to Brisbane.

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Port Nelson Export Hub: From Gate to Port - Taking Food & Fibre to the World **Wednesday 9 September 2026, 4-6 pm**

Thinking about taking your products to market; locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally – but not sure where to start?

From Gate to Port – Taking Food and Fibre to the World is a practical workshop for growers, producers and food and fibre businesses across the Nelson Tasman region who are exploring pathways to market or are already exporting and want a clearer understanding of the export journey.

Whether you are just starting to think about exporting or looking to expand into new markets, this workshop brings together the key organisations that support New Zealand exporters. Learn what is involved, the services available, and who can help you navigate the process with confidence.

[Register here](#)

Mainfreight Mount Maunganui: Bay of Plenty Exporters' Networking Event **Thursday 10 September 2026, 4-6 pm**

Join the Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA) and ExportNZ for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Mainfreight's Bay of Plenty operations in Mount Maunganui. Attendees will hear from local Mainfreight leaders about transport, warehousing and international freight services, receive updates from ExportNZ and EMA, and hear from an MFAT representative. The event wraps up with drinks and networking, providing a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow manufacturers and exporters from across the region.

[Register here](#)

Export 101 Workshop Series | Wellington **Wednesday 16 September 2026, 10 am – 4 pm**

This full-day workshop is designed for businesses looking to enter or expand into Germany and the wider European market. Participants will gain practical insights into export strategy, regulations, logistics, trade fairs, and German business culture, with guidance from experienced exporters and industry experts. An MFAT speaker will also share perspectives on how they can leverage the opportunities within the New Zealand-European Union Free Trade Agreement (EU FTA) and the support available to businesses exploring international markets. The workshop is ideal for companies at the early stages of their export journey and offers excellent networking opportunities.

[Register here](#)

External links

The following links may provide useful information to businesses:

- [NZTE's website](#) and [myNZTE](#) provide a range of insights and tools available to support New Zealand exporters.
- The Treasury releases a [weekly economic update](#) every Friday. Stats NZ has published a [data portal](#) with near real-time economic indicators.
- MBIE publishes a [sector reports series](#) which provides regularly updated reports on all industry sectors that make up the New Zealand economy. These include official economic data and the challenges and opportunities that face New Zealand's industry sectors.
- [Business.govt.nz](#) provides tools and advice from across government to save small businesses' time and help make the business a success.
- MFAT has created a [tariff finder](#) which is designed to help goods exporters and importers maximise benefits from New Zealand's Free Trade Agreements and compare tariffs in 136 other markets.
- The all of government [Trade Barriers](#) website can be used to register any trade barriers experienced or issues exporting to an offshore market. Queries can be sent via the website or through the MFAT Exporter Helpline 0800 824 605. Enquiries will be sent to the government agency best placed to answer.
- Tatauranga Aotearoa Stats NZ provides official data on the value of New Zealand's exports and imports of both goods and services, by commodity type via the [New Zealand Trade Dashboard](#). This interactive dashboard is updated every quarter and allows for filtering by country and by commodity type.

More info

More reports

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