

Trade campaign update for Scottish activists

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July action checklist

- Meet with your local MP to discuss the Trade Justice Scotland coalition's Principles for a Just Trade System. See activism section below for more information and links to documents
- Sign the trade democracy petition here: www.globaljustice.org.uk/tradescrutiny and encourage others to sign too.

Trade News

Trade bill in the Queen's speech

Post-Brexit, the UK will be negotiating its own trade deals. A trade bill was included in the raft of legislation announced in the Queen's speech in June, to be brought to parliament at some stage over the next two years. This will set a legal framework allowing Britain to operate its own independent trade policy after Brexit. Trade secretary Liam Fox and Prime Minister Theresa May have been busy forming relationships with a number of unethical leaders, from President Duterte of the Philippines who has endorsed extra-judicial killing of drug offenders, to the king of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud who ordered the bombing in Yemen, and not forgetting Theresa May's enthusiasm for a special relationship with Donald Trump. So it is essential we demand that this trade bill creates an ethical and democratic framework for UK trade policy, so that we can hold our government to account for the dodgy trade deals it might negotiate and implement after Brexit.

The Trade Justice Scotland coalition (formerly Scotland Against TTIP), which Global Justice Now is an active member of, will be campaigning for more democracy, transparency and ethics in the UK's trade policy. Read the activism section for more information.

EU trade deals update

CETA has been delayed once again because of a row over cheese quotas in Canada. The country expected to begin provisional implementation at the beginning of July, but this might be delayed again. The trade deal is also making its way round the EU to be ratified by all member states and we are still hopeful that it may be stopped if one or more countries refuse to ratify the deal. [Read the Global Justice Now blog about possibilities for blocking the trade deal.](#)

TTIP: There have been rumours that this trade deal might be resurrected, however the political will seems to come from President Trump, not the EU who are still saying that the deal remains 'in the deep freeze'.

Ecuador rips up trade deals because they give too much power to foreign investors

President Correa of Ecuador has terminated 16 bilateral trade deals including ones with the UK and EU, citing the corporate courts contained within the deals as a reason for pulling out. An inquiry into bilateral trade deals by the government of Ecuador found they had done more damage to the country's economy than good. South Africa and Indonesia are also in the process of terminating deals with corporate courts contained in them. [Read more here.](#)

European Court of Justice rules Singapore deal cannot be rammed through

The European Court of Justice has ruled that a deal between Singapore and the EU must be ratified by each individual member state, in the same way as CETA. The ruling basically means that any future EU trade deal that includes corporate courts will need to be ratified by individual member states - a time consuming process usually taking five years or so. This is good news for everyone who is campaigning to exclude corporate courts from future trade deals. [Read more here](#)

Activism

If we don't want TTIP and CETA, what do we want?

The Trade Justice Scotland coalition has agreed a set of principles for a just trade system. We sent these principles to Scottish candidates for the general election, asking them to sign up to them. We're now contacting those who were elected asking them to find ways of raising these principles in parliament at Westminster - particularly in the context of Brexit and the UK government's desire to make new trade deals.

We're also asking local campaigners to write to, or request a meeting with, their local MPs to ask them the same thing. Please do consider doing this.

[You can find a copy of the principles here](#)

[A briefing which explains them in more detail is here](#)

If you need help then please don't hesitate to [contact Liz](#), or if you have anything to report back from a meeting we'd love to hear about it.

Petition demanding trade democracy

To mount pressure on the UK Trade Secretary Liam Fox, Global Justice Now has created a petition calling for a more transparent, open and democratic trade system. We already have more than 3000 signatures, but we want to get thousands more by the end of the summer.

There are two ways you can collect signatures:

- online petition at www.globaljustice.org.uk/trade-scrutiny – do share this on social media
- by postcard: if you would like to receive a bundle of postcards for use on stalls and at events, [please contact Jane](#).

Trade democracy talks

Global Justice Now staff members are happy to come and give talks on trade democracy. If you would like us to come and speak, [please contact Jane](#)

Recently published Global Justice Now materials

[Ten alternatives to a corporate trade agenda](#)

[Trading with Trump](#)

Local trade justice groups across Scotland

There are local trade justice groups across Scotland fighting against predatory trade deals like TTIP and CETA. Here are links to the ones we know of. Please let us know if we've missed any!

[Just Trade Edinburgh \(formerly Stop TTIP Edinburgh\)](#)

[Global Justice Glasgow](#)

[Global Justice Ayrshire](#)

[Stop TTIP Aberdeen](#)

[Trade Justice Dundee \(formerly Stop TTIP Dundee\)](#)

[St. Andrews TTIP Action Group](#)

[Stop TTIP Highlands](#)

[Trade Justice Scotland Coalition](#)

Take action

To find out how you can help tackle corporate power and become part of a movement for real change visit www.globaljustice.org.uk or call 0131 2432730.



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