

## Campaign news

All the latest news about Traidcraft's campaigns and updates on Trade Justice issues.

### Cotton

- [The WTO never fails – to disappoint](#) The eighth ministerial of the World Trade Organisation ended on 17 December with representatives desperately affirming the relevance of the body, while the negotiations delivered almost nothing for the world's poorest countries. 20 December 2011
- [Father Christmas delivers a message of cotton justice](#) Ahead of the World Trade Organisation ministerial later this week, Traidcraft – with a helping hand from Father Christmas – took the campaign for cotton justice to the US Embassy. 13 December 2011
- [Thank you for your postcard and for raising this important issue](#) After receiving at least 5,500 postcards calling for an end to US cotton subsidies, the UK Government has responded to the calls of Traidcraft and Fairtrade Foundation campaigners. 7 December 2011
- [Foreign Office backs calls for cotton justice](#) In a reply to emails sent by Traidcraft campaigners, the Foreign Office has stated that 'the issue of cotton subsidies is very high on this Government's agenda'. 4 August 2011
- [Young Christians and Muslims call for trade justice](#) On 8th June, 30 young British Christians and Muslims met at Lambeth Palace to agree a statement calling on the UK government to take the lead in ending the EU's distorting cotton subsidies which prevent more than ten million African farmers from trading fairly, forcing them into poverty. 13 June 2011
- [Traidcraft's high-flying message to Obama](#) As President Obama arrived to address the Houses of Parliament today, Traidcraft was there with some eye-catching balloons calling for him to play fair on cotton. 25 May 2011
- [Campaigners tell Obama to nip cotton subsidies in the bud!](#) Traidcraft and Fairtrade Foundation volunteers gathered outside the Foreign Office today to urge William Hague to raise the issue of U.S. cotton subsidies with President Obama. 24 May 2011

### Supermarkets

- [Traidcraft welcomes calls for an Adjudicator with teeth](#) A parliamentary Select Committee has called for tougher powers for the long-awaited Grocery Code Adjudicator. 28 July 2011
- [Supermarkets try to delay setting up Adjudicator](#) Supermarket representatives have told a parliamentary select committee this week that the government should delay setting up a supermarkets watchdog, known as the Grocery Code Adjudicator. 24 June 2011
- [Long-awaited supermarkets bill finally released](#) The UK government has released a draft parliamentary bill that would establish a supermarkets watchdog and oversee the Groceries Code that was passed into law last year. 25 May 2011
- [Edward Davey under pressure from MPs to regulate supermarkets](#) A debate in the House of Commons last week forced Edward Davey, Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs, to answer some tough questions about the delay in establishing a supermarkets watchdog. 11 April 2011
- [Supermarkets watchdog could be in place by 2012](#) Traidcraft keeps up the pressure on the government as we enter the final stages of our campaign to set up a supermarkets watchdog. 24 February 2011

### EPAs

- [Traidcraft responds to BIS over EPAs](#) After Traidcraft supporters took action in December, Edward Davey, a minister in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), has responded to what he describes as 'a large number of emails to the Government 'to consider a new approach to trade deals with Africa''. 9 February 2011
- [Traidcraft responds to DFID over EPAs](#) Following a letter from the UK Government on trade deals with Africa (Economic Partnership Agreements), Traidcraft has issued the following response. 25 January 2011
- [DFID replies to Traidcraft's call for fairer trade deals](#) Traidcraft marks the New Year with a response from the Department for International Development to supporters' calls for fairer trade deals for Africa. 10 January 2011
- [European NGOs protest against EPAs](#) On Friday 29th October, Traidcraft joined with a variety of European NGOs, to make it clear to EU development and trade ministers that civil society is united in the call to 'Stop EPAs'. 9 November 2010

### General campaign news

- [2011: What a year!](#) 2011 was a very busy year for Traidcraft campaigners and we hope you will be encouraged to read about some of the progress we have made. 16 December 2011
- [Raw materials campaign update](#) Following a busy few months of campaigning and lobbying from supporters, NGOs and policy-makers across Europe, we are making progress towards putting a fair and sustainable approach to raw materials at the heart of EU trade and investment policy. 11 July 2011
- [Traidcraft calls for progress on economic justice MDG](#) Traidcraft has joined forces with a range of other NGOs to raise awareness of the need for progress on the eighth Millennium Development Goal and the fight for economic justice. 1 June 2011
- [Campaigners target raw materials conference](#) On 1st March, Traidcraft joined forces with Oxfam Germany and others to raise awareness of our 'raw materials – raw deal' campaign outside of the Inaugural European Raw Materials Conference. 8 March 2011
- [EU softens stance on raw materials](#) A new communication from the EU shows that they have started to listen to the demands of Traidcraft's 'raw materials – raw deal' campaign. 14 February 2011