



First meeting of the E15 expert group on

## Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System

30 June - 1 July 2014 – Geneva, Switzerland

### Agenda

## INVITATION ONLY

At this first of at least three in person-meetings of the E15 expert group on Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System throughout 2014-2015, experts will set the scene and begin identifying issues which require further exploration, with a view to identifying options for improved governance and enhanced effectiveness of the trade and climate change intersection. An introductory presentation will be made by the theme leader, based on the questionnaire which has previously been circulated to the group. In-depth discussions of specific topics will then take place in four parallel and iterative roundtables. In a final plenary session, the group will dwell on the next steps.

Following the regular meeting, the group will be given an opportunity to meet with members of the E15 Clean Energy Technologies and the Trade System, so as to foster synergies and allow for mutual learning and information-sharing.

### Monday 30 June

13.00-14.00 **Welcome Buffet**

14.00-15.00 **Opening session**

*Welcome remarks will be given by the group convenor, **Professor Thomas L. Brewer**, senior fellow, ICTSD. The group members will be invited to briefly introduce themselves, as well as the ICTSD and World Economic Forum teams. An introduction to the E15 project will be given by the organizers ICTSD and the World Economic Forum, represented by **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, Chief Executive, ICTSD; and **Sean Doherty**, Director, Head of Supply Chain & Transport, World Economic Forum.*

15.00-18.00 **Context setting**

*This session will include an introduction to the topic by the theme leader **James Bacchus, Greenberg Traurig**, based on his analysis of the questionnaire which has previously been circulated to the group. After this, the group will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion in a plenary setting. A coffee break will be arranged at a suitable moment.*

18.30- 21.30 **Reception and dinner**

*A welcome dinner, with the presence of external guests from the Geneva diplomatic community, will be hosted by the organisers.*

09.00-12.30 **In-depth discussion of specific topics**

*The session will be organized in four parallel roundtable discussions on each one of the four topics which have tentatively been proposed to the group. The discussions, in which all participants are required to engage actively, will be informed by a brief introduction by a designated resource person from the expert group. The resource person will then move from one table to another, so that all participants are provided with an opportunity to engage in every topic. A coffee break will be arranged at a suitable moment.*

**Enforcement, compliance, participation:** This discussion will address the lessons regarding enforcement that can be drawn from the WTO-system or from other examples of international law to inform climate governance. It will also discuss possible overlaps between enforcement of the climate and trade regimes, and discuss whether compliance with a climate treaty would be sufficient to justify what would otherwise be a violation of the WTO treaty.

Resource person: James Cameron

**Competitiveness and carbon leakage:** Asymmetric mitigation action inevitably generates concerns for distortions of competitiveness and for carbon leakage. This discussion will assess the state of play of existing or proposed measures and policies to address these concerns, as well as consider the need to propose additional options.

Resource person: Henry Derwent

**International transport:** Air- and maritime transport are inevitably central to international trade, and also account for considerable carbon emissions. At the same time, the emissions are to a great extent extra-territorial, making them particularly complex to address. ICAO and IMO are assigned to deal with this, and are taking very different approaches. This discussion will frame the underlying challenge, and assess possible policies and measures that can be further explored.

Resource person: Harro van Asselt

**Establishment and governance:** The multilateral trade and the multilateral climate regimes are perceived by many as being at impasses. In addition, both are facing increasing fragmentation, where progress is largely being made outside of the WTO, UNFCCC, ICAO or other relevant bodies, in a second-best option. This session will assess strengths and weaknesses of the different governance systems. It will also discuss how to build on and scale-up well-functioning plurilateral initiatives or public-private partnerships.

Resource person: Nathaniel Keohane

12.30-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-16.00 **Report from the parallel roundtable discussions**

*The resource person of each roundtable will report to the plenary about the key observations and points raised in the respective topics. The full group will react to and discuss these reports. In this session, the group will also start identifying specific areas that would merit more in-depth scrutiny in analytical pieces, to be commissioned subsequently to the first expert group meeting.*

16.00-16.30 **Coffee**

16.30-17.30 **Conclusion and next steps**

*This session will serve to recall and assess the outcomes of the first meeting of the E15 Expert Group on Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System. It will also discuss and devise the next steps, in the run-up to the upcoming high-level event of the UN Secretary General in New York in*

September 2104, and COP20 in Lima in December 2014. This will include exploring proposals for ensuring on the one hand that the expert group process actively informs domestic and international policy-making and, on the other hand, that the process is sensitive to and adequately reflects political developments in the multilateral trading system as well all in institutions governing climate change and related policies.

### Wednesday 2 July (optional)

***This session is optional, for group members who will still be in town.  
However, registration is mandatory for security reasons.***

11.00-13.00 **Joint meeting between the E15 expert groups on Clean Energy Technologies and the Trade System and Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System**

This session on 2 July is a meeting between the members of the Measures to Address Climate Change expert group and members of the E15 Clean Energy Technologies and the Trade System group, the purpose of which is for the two groups to exchange information about their respective work, so as to maximize synergies and allow for mutual learning.

13.00-14.00 **Sandwich lunch** (optional)