



Scoping Meeting on  
**Natural Resources Including Extractive Industries**

17 October 2014 – Geneva, Switzerland

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**Agenda**

**BY INVITATION ONLY**

**9.00-9.30**      **Introductory session**

Chair: Rick Samans ([World Economic Forum](#))

**Objective:** Provide an overview of the [E15Initiative](#) and the key discussions in all E15 thematic groups; current status, timeline and key milestones ahead; provide the conveners' expectations of the [E15 Natural Resources Including Extractive Industries \(NRE\) Expert Group](#).

**Speakers:** Scott Vaughan ([IISD](#)),  
Rick Samans ([World Economic Forum](#)), and  
Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz ([ICTSD](#))

**9.30-10.00**      **Session I: Introduction to the scoping exercise**

*Introduction to the NRE Group and works, by Rafael Benke*

**Objective:** Provide an introduction of the NRE Expert Group and the objectives, including a preliminary snapshot of the content to be discussed by the Expert Group and the timeline of expected deliverables; introduce the agenda for the day and align the ambition for the scoping exercise.

**10.00-11.00**      **Session II: Setting the Stage for Forward Thinking – The Challenges of 2030**

Facilitator: Rafael Benke

**Objective:** In order for the Expert Group to deliver outcomes that will be relevant in the world of tomorrow, this session will be dedicated to a presentation and debate on the expected state of the world in 2030 (demographics, scarcity, energy, growth, development, trade flows etc.), as well as the role of government, business, NGOs, and international organizations.

**Dynamics:** A short presentation, based on work by the Earth Institute, will provide the basis for the discussion. All experts are invited to bring forward relevant elements for the debate.

**11.00-11.15**      **Coffee break**

**11.15-12.00**      **Session III: Trade and investment in natural resources – 2030 scenario**

Chair: Scott Vaughan ([IISD](#))

Facilitator: Rafael Benke

**Objective:** Building on the key elements from Session II, this session will be dedicated to a discussion on the future interface between Natural Resources and the trade and investment frameworks, in order to identify the major challenges and opportunities for a conducive system. The session is expected to generate a preliminary list of issues and topics that deserve inclusion in the scope of the Expert Group.

**Dynamics:** Presentation and facilitated group discussion.

**12.00-13.00 Session IV: Responding to the challenges and opportunities**

Chair: Scott Vaughan ([IISD](#))

Facilitators: Rafael Benke

**Objective:** *The list of issues and topics identified from Sessions II and III will be refined and organised around key trade and investment policies and disciplines. These trade and investment policy disciplines will be based on previously shared focus questions, existing literature and further inputs from the participants. The discussions could use the overarching questions defined for the group as a starting point for organising the further work.*

**Dynamics:** Plenary discussion introducing the parallel breakout sessions

**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

**14.00-15.30 Session V: Parallel Roundtable discussions of specific topics**

**Objective:** *Each sub-group will have a more detailed and comprehensive discussion about the previously identified Topics, to ensure that all relevant dimensions are captured in their respective scopes as well as to ensure a clear identification and prioritization of challenges, opportunities, limitations, requirements, as well as experts who should be involved to support the discussions.*

**Dynamics:** The group will split into smaller sub-groups for discussions.

**15.30-15.45 Coffee break**

**15.45-17.45 Session VI: Report back from groups, next steps**

Chair: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz ([ICTSD](#))

**Objective:** *Sub-groups will report back on the results from their work, which will provide the final elements for the scoping and prioritisation as well as for decision-making on topics to be further explored by the Expert Group including in Think Pieces.*

**Dynamics:** Each sub-group will deliver short presentations, followed by plenary discussion, for refinement and agreement.

**17.45 Meeting adjourns**