



Third meeting of the E15 expert group on

Clean Energy Technologies and the Trade System

2-3 July 2014 – Geneva, Switzerland

Agenda

INVITATION ONLY

The third meeting of the group takes place in a post-Bali context, and in a new situation where a group of countries have agreed to negotiate a trade agreement on environmental goods, including clean energy technologies. The group will discuss and reflect upon this new reality. In addition, following the first two meetings of the group, the theme leader has produced a draft synthesis report based on the policy options which the group has identified and elaborated upon. During this third meeting, the draft report will be presented, after which the group will engage in an open discussion, with a view to further refining the proposals. The group will also agree on the next steps.

Before the start of the regular meeting, the group will be given an opportunity to meet with members of the new E15-group on Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System, so as to foster synergies and allow for mutual learning and information-sharing.

Wednesday 2 July

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** (optional)

On 30 June and 1 July, the E15 expert group on Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System will be meeting for the first time. This session is a meeting between the members of that group and members of the E15 expert group on Clean Energy Technologies and the Trade System, 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. The session is optional, for group members who will already be in town. Registration is however mandatory, for security reasons.

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

Official start of the meeting

14.00-17.00 **A WTO post-Bali context, the new green goods initiative and other relevant trade-policy developments**

In Bali, the WTO for the first time in its history agreed on a deal in a few specific policy areas. The Bali declaration also opened up for new approaches. These outcomes have important systemic implications; the announcement by a number of countries in Davos in January 2014 that they will negotiate a trade agreement in the area of environmental goods is a ground-breaking development which was possible only after Bali. In addition, the past few months have seen progress in another plurilateral initiative, the Trade in Services Agreement, TiSA. Regional initiatives are taking form, many of which may be relevant for environmental concerns and for clean energy. At the same time, WTO-disputes and trade remedies continue to proliferate around the world. During this first session, the group will assess and discuss these developments, as well as dwell upon the opportunities that arise in the area of clean energy technologies.

The session will also offer an update of the E15-project more broadly, notably covering E15-specific activities carried out in partnership with the World Economic Forum and with the Graduate Institute.

*The session will include brief reflections by the theme leader **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, ICTSD, and **Richard Samans**, World Economic Forum. Members of the group will be invited to briefly introduce relevant trade policy developments, after which the group will discuss interactively in a plenary setting.*

- **Johannes Bernabe**, TiSA
- **Thomas L. Brewer**, T-TIP
- **Ingrid Jegou**, 'Green goods' initiative
- **Beatriz Leycegui**, TPP, the Pacific Alliance
- **Amy Porges**, Disputes and remedies
- **Naigen Zhang**, US-China solar panel case

17.00-18.00 **Policy options for addressing trade in clean energy technologies**

The theme leader has prepared a draft synthesis report of the policy options which have been identified and, in some cases, further explored by the group. This session will comprise a first discussion of that report, after an introductory presentation by the theme leader.

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.

Thursday 3 July

09.00-11.00 **A reflection upon topics which may require further work**

Looking back to the first two meetings and the background material, the group will reflect upon whether there is a need for further work in specific areas, as a result of the recent political developments or because all relevant issues have not been fully explored yet. Tentatively, government procurement, standards and services will be further scrutinized in this session, with a view to identifying further action.

- **David Luff**, Government procurement
- **Muge Dolun**, Standards
- **Johannes Bernabe**, Services
- **Robert Howse**, TBT

11.00-11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15-12.30 **Policy options for addressing trade in clean energy technologies (continued)**

In this session, the group will engage in an in-depth discussion about policy options, based on the draft report and on other areas identified during the meeting. The purpose of this session is to further refine the draft options.

12.30-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.30 **Policy options for addressing trade in clean energy technologies (continued)**

15.30-15.45 **Coffee break**

15.45-17.30 **Next steps**