

E15 Tokyo Launch Event

Date: Wednesday 13 July, 12:15 – 13:30

Venue: RIETI's Seminar Room (METI Annex 11th floor, 1121)

Organisers: International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), the World Economic Forum, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), and the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)

The International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), the World Economic Forum, and 16 partnering institutions brought together more than 375 international experts in over 80 interactive dialogues between 2012 and 2015 under the E15 Initiative. At the core of the Initiative are 15 thematic Expert Groups and three Task Forces, each comprised of leading thinkers from developed and developing countries drawn from different fields and backgrounds. Their work has been complemented by an overarching dialogue looking at the global trade and investment architecture, involving consultations with hundreds of thinkers and policy-makers. The entire process has yielded approximately 150 analytical papers and its deliberations have stimulated a fresh look at the long-term challenges and opportunities facing the global trade and investment system, especially in respect of its efficacy, inclusiveness and contribution to sustainable development.

The policy option papers prepared by each E15 thematic group offered a detailed and comprehensive set of suggestions for improved governance of the global trade and investment system in the 21st century. They are accompanied by a Synthesis Report, which summarizes and interprets the significance of the proposals for progress on many of the international community's most important shared imperatives.

The session will provide an overview of the E15 Report launched at Davos, Switzerland, whilst highlighting options relevant to Japan and the global trade and investment system. It will be followed by an open discussion with the public.

Session duration: 75 minutes.

Chair:

- **Michitaka Nakatomi**, Special Advisor to Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO); Consulting Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) (5 minutes)

Panellists (10 minutes each):

- **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, Chief Executive, ICTSD
- **Sean Doherty**, Head, International Trade & Investment, World Economic Forum
- **Jonathan Fried**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO
- **Akihiko Tamura**, Consulting Fellow, RIETI; Deputy Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
- **Kaneko Tomohiro**, Director, Economic Partnership Division, METI

Read the full policy option papers and Synthesis Report at e15initiative.org.

E15 Interactive Tool

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Agriculture and Food Security – Clean Energy Technologies – Climate Change – Competition Policy – Digital Economy
Extractive Industries – Finance and Development – Fisheries and Oceans – Functioning of the WTO – Global Value
Chains – Industrial Policy – Innovation – Investment Policy – Regional Trade Agreements – Regulatory Coherence
Services – Subsidies