



Second meeting of the E15 expert group on

Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System

15-16 October 2014 – Divonne-les-Bains, France

Agenda

INVITATION ONLY

At this second 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 go into depth on a selection of topics identified during the first meeting as well as in the background survey.

An introductory presentation will be made by the theme leader, based on the questionnaires which have been prepared by the group. In-depth discussions of two specific topics will then take place, informed by introductory presentations by group members. The objective of these discussions is two start identifying and defining policy options. In a final session, the group will discuss which outstanding issues to address next.

A working dinner will be organised during the evening of the 15th October, to which external guests will be invited.

Wednesday 15 October

13.00-14.00 Light lunch

14.00-14.30 **Opening**

*Welcome remarks will be given by the group convenors of ICTSD and the World Economic Forum, **Professor Thomas L. Brewer (ICTSD)** and **Sean Doherty (World Economic Forum)**. A brief commentary will also be made by **Henry Derwent (Climate Strategies)** with respect to the new partnership with Climate Strategies as a knowledge partner of the E15. Group members joining for the first time will be invited to briefly introduce themselves.*

14.30-15.30 **State of play**

*Two questionnaires have been prepared by the group, outlining and discussing some of the main topics to focus on. This session will include a presentation of that exercise, as well as an analysis, by the theme leader **James Bacchus (Greenberg Traurig)**. This will kick-off a discussion by the full group. One of the questions raised in the questionnaire, which will be highlighted in this session, is how the trade system could take affirmative action to support climate action. The purpose of the session is to ensure that pertinent issues identified in the preparatory work are being adequately addressed by the group going forward.*

15.30-18.00 **Climate clubs in a regime complex- trade implications**

*During the first meeting, much of the discussions of the group centred around the emergence of “climate clubs”, and the notion that international efforts to address climate are governed by a set of loosely coupled regulatory regimes in a “regime complex”. This was expected to be further enhanced after COP21, with possible trade- and trade policy implications as a result. In this session, which will continue during day 2, a presentation on this topic will be made by **David Victor (University of California, San Diego)**, after which the group will engage in discussion.*

The objective of the session is to explore how climate clubs relate to trade, and to identify options for how the global trade system can be supportive of the climate action undertaken by these.

19.00- 22.00 **Reception and dinner**

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

Thursday 16 October

09.00-11.30 **Climate clubs in a regime complex- trade implications - continued**

*Following on the discussions from day 1, the continuation of this session will be informed by a presentation by **Thomas L. Brewer (ICTSD)**, focusing on the IMO as an illustrative case of a climate club, and discussing how that organisation has addressed some of the relevant trade issues.*

11.30-11.45 Coffee/tea

11.45-13.00 **Competitiveness and carbon leakage**

*Asymmetric mitigation action inevitably generates concerns for distortions of competitiveness and for carbon leakage. In the light of the expected proliferation of climate clubs as discussed in previous sessions, as well as on a scaling up of unilateral climate action, such concerns are likely to multiply, whether founded or not. A presentation on existing or proposed measures to address concerns of leakage and competitiveness distortions will be made by **Michael Grubb (University College London)**.*

The objective of this session is to assess how such measures relate to trade and to identify options for how the trade system can be supportive of climate action. The session will also inform the terms of reference for a possible think piece on the topic.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 **Exploring policy options**

An overview of the options discussed in the area of climate clubs as well as of carbon leakage and competitiveness will be presented and members will discuss how to take these forward.

15.30-15.45 Coffee/tea

15.45-17.00 **Outstanding issues**

*This session will serve to recapitulate issues which have not yet been covered and where research has not yet been commissioned, and discuss how to best address them next. In order to support the discussions, an overview of themes which have been raised during the meeting for further action will be presented by **Henry Derwent** ([Climate Strategies](#)).*

17.00-17.30 **Next steps**

Before closing the meeting, the group will discuss strategic opportunities for engagement in Geneva with the trade community as well as in Lima during COP 20, and in Paris in July 2015 so as to ensure that the options and proposals put forward by the group are timely and relevant.