



Third Expert Group Workshop on

Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System

17-18 March 2015 – Cologny, Switzerland

Agenda

INVITATION ONLY

Tuesday 17 March

09.00-09.30

Opening

Chair: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, ICTSD

Welcome remarks will be given by ICTSD, the World Economic Forum, and the Knowledge Partner, Climate Strategies. Group members and observers joining for the first time will be invited to briefly introduce themselves.

09.30-11.00

Session I: A potential carbon market club of plurilaterally linked emissions trading systems

Chair: Henry Derwent (Co-convener), Climate Strategies

*During previous work and discussions by the group, there has been much focus on the emergence of “clubs” as a response to climate change. One example can be a carbon market club of plurilaterally linked emissions trading systems. This session will be informed by a presentation by **Nat Keohane**, based on his and **Annie Peterson’s** draft think piece on the emergence of ETSs as a response to climate change, and the interplay between WTO rules and a potential carbon market club of plurilaterally linked ETS.*

11.00-11.30

Coffee/tea

11.30-13.00

Session II: Addressing Climate Change- A WTO Exception for Climate Clubs

Chair: Thomas L. Brewer (Convener), ICTSD

*Building on the work of the group, efforts have been made to explore options for creating space in the WTO-framework for climate clubs. Such an exception could be inspired by the “enabling clause” providing for preferential trade agreements, or by GATT article XXIV allowing for regional trade agreements. **Beatriz Leycegui** will present her draft think piece developing the idea.*

13.00-14.30

Lunch

14.30-16.00

Session III: Non-product related PPMs and climate change

Chair: James Bacchus (Theme Leader), Greenberg Traurig

*Picking up on the group’s discussions about like products and non-product related PPMs in relation to climate change, a think piece has been prepared by **Thomas Cottier**. Building on recent case law on PPMs, and a reflection of how these may apply to climate change, the piece discusses whether there is a need*

to address the issues specifically under the WTO so as to ensure that the trade system is conducive to climate action.

16.00-16.30 **Coffee/tea**

16.30-18.00 **Session IV: What do climate policy makers fear from the WTO and what should be done about it?**

Chair: Ingrid Jegou (Group Manager), ICTSD

*It is sometimes argued that existing trade rules prevent governments from taking action to address climate change. If that is the case, there may be a need to revisit those rules and explore options for improvement. Building on the questionnaires, previous think pieces and group discussions of the E15, a think piece looking into these issues have been prepared by Climate Strategies. A presentation of the findings will be made by **Henry Derwent** and **Harro van Asselt**.*

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.

Wednesday 18 March

09.00-12.45 **Session V: Policy options for ensuring that the trade system is conducive to climate action**

Chairs: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, ICTSD and Richard Samans, World Economic Forum

The E15 Expert Group will deliver an output report consisting of policy options for the world trade system to consider so in relation to climate action. Specifically, the objectives of the group are to (a) examine the challenges and opportunities to support climate action through trade; (b) identify constraints posed by the current global trade system to provide a supportive framework for climate action and identify possibilities for improvement; (c) explore the role of trade in Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and other regimes outside the global trading system (e.g. International Maritime Organization, emissions trading schemes) in support of climate action; (d) propose options where trade positively contributes to both adaptation and mitigation.

*The Theme Leader **James Bacchus** has prepared a first outline of such a paper, including a wide range of options. In this session, after a presentation by the theme leader, experts will engage in a discussion about the options identified, with a view to accepting and refining options they wish to carry forward and to remove any that may be deemed not politically viable. The group will also exploring possible additions in the light of the recent think pieces and of the discussions and the working dinner of day 1.*

10.45-11.15 **Coffee/tea**

11.15-12.45 **Session V continued**

12.45-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.30 **Session V continued**

15.30-16.00 **Closing: An overview of the E15 and next steps**

Chair: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, ICTSD and Richard Samans, World Economic Forum

In the brief closing session, ICTSD and the World Economic Forum will provide an overview of the next steps of the E15, including the publication of the policy options by all groups in time for the tenth ministerial conference of the WTO in December 2015 in Nairobi and the Annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2016. In the case of our group, it will be highlighted that COP 21 is a key event for dissemination of the E15 findings.

End of expert group meeting

16.30-17.30 **Closed session for the convenors**

Chair: Ingrid Jegou (Group Manager), ICTSD

The convenors of the E15 Expert Group on Measures to Address Climate Change and the Trade System will meet for a de-briefing and a discussion of next steps.