

Energy and Climate

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CONTEXT

The Energy and Climate work includes *content* development and *advocacy*. Given the slow progress of the climate negotiations and the need for action at all levels – the E & C work program needs focused development along these two reinforcing streams to influence policy and catalyse action. The new international climate agreement to take effect post-2020, should be decided by 2015. Hence, the E&C work program 2013-2015 needs alignment with the climate policy input, Vision 2050/Action 2020 work and related activities leading up to 2015.

Following the Council meeting in Seoul in 2012, the proposed future work program included the *voice of progressive business in the UNFCCC processes, the multi-stakeholder initiative on new market mechanisms, business vision for energy from bio-resources by 2050, demand-side driven GHG mitigation and leveraging member expertise in PPP*. In Montreux there needs to be more clarity on how to move forward, including on how to broaden the advocacy platform on climate beyond Ministers of Environment and the FCCC process to other processes and Ministers including Finance, Energy and Economics. These content areas will further require refining and prioritizing in the light of the Vision 2050/Action 2020 work and bring in the broader perspective of energy solutions.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Energy & Climate has participated in several of UNFCCC activities since Doha – each of which has a specific follow-up:

- The fifth meeting of the **Technology Executive Committee**: seven WBCSD members were present and recommended the inclusion of the private sector on task forces and advisory groups on specific aspects of technology development, demonstration and deployment. There was a side workshop on **Technology Road Maps**: with the Technology Road Map for the Indian Cement Industry being presented by a representative of the WBCSD/Cement Sustainability Initiative.
- Workshop **on exchanging ideas on how the NAMA registry could enhance engagement of the private sector in nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMA)**: six members participated as well as developing country and donors/funding

agencies. It was organized by WBCSD in cooperation with the UNFCCC. Follow-up includes a submission on template, report and regional workshops.

- The third meeting of the **Green Climate Fund** where input was provided on the business model and observer participation. The Green Climate Fund Board is now establishing the secretariat and operationalizing its governing instrument. Critical to this is the design of its “business model” and how the private sector facility which will complement the two windows on Mitigation and Adaptation will work. Linked to this is the growing urgency in defining the two private sector active observers to the Board. Follow-up includes potential input to business model and candidates as observers.

In addition WBCSD has expressed an interest in working with the consortium chosen for the EU tender for the *Designing the 2015 Global Climate Change Agreement* in order to bring the business perspective. This could include dialogues and further content work on potential new market mechanisms and frameworks for linking.

OUTLOOK

Taking the long view, the intergovernmental post-2020 climate agreement to be decided by 2015, will be critical for action on climate. The planned COP in Paris in 2015 where the agreement is due to be adopted will be preceded by several events including the IPCC fifth assessment reports between September 2013 and April 2014- on science, vulnerability and mitigation actions, a potential UN Summit on climate in 2014, release of the post-2015 sustainable development goals, and several COPs. These activities are running in parallel with the WBCSD Vision 2050/Action 2020 – converging in 2020.

The Montreux session will explore with members this convergence and gain their views on how to move forward and what content should be developed. There is a unique opportunity for Energy & Climate between now and 2015 to develop business-driven content which will feed into this agreement; to develop and scale-up business solutions for low-carbon development and climate resilience; and to create new platforms for advocacy and forward thinking about strategic issues. This could go hand in hand with an advocacy delivery plan, beginning in Warsaw at COP 18 and informed by the IPCC AR5 reports.

The focus of discussion in Montreux will be to listen to members, to gain member buy-in and support for the climate policy directions and activities, to explore initial ideas on what the energy solution work stream should be taking into account in the Vision 2050/Action 2020 process. In this respect there is a session in Montreux on renewable energies to allow some sharing of ideas based on member input and information from IRENA.

It is intended that discussions in Montreux, informed by the Action 2020 process and the climate change agenda, will lead to an update and action plan for the E & C work program for 2013-2015.