



## **BCSE CCTF International Meeting Outcomes: April 22, 2009**

### **Agenda**

- Report from Bonn
- Proposed EGTT Workshop
- 2009 International Meetings Schedule
- Copenhagen COP-15 Update
- Major Economies Forum
- US Domestic Policy
- 2009 Workplan
- Guest Speaker: Ms. Elizabeth Ladt, Boyden Grey Associates, Environmental Goods and Services Agreement (EGSA) Coalition

### **1) Report from Bonn**

Jim Wolf attended the UNFCCC meetings in Bonn, March 29 – April 8 on behalf of the BCSE. His observations have been summarized in recent reports, but the following are highlights of his remarks:

- US Delegation briefings were very informative – one was held the Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week for the US BINGOs and again during the second week, which also featured a briefing for all BINGOs.
  - US looks for significant commitments from trading partners Mexico, South Korea, China
  - Jonathan Pershing implied that having US domestic legislation in place although preferable was not necessary for the US to agree to a framework
  - US wanted more meetings for further negotiations prior to COP-15
- Daily BINGO meetings relatively small, average 20 people, approximately 6 US BINGOs, Jim chaired one of the sessions.
- Jim delivered the BCSE/ICSE Intervention on March 30 before the AWG-KP, and also delivered the International Chamber of Commerce's intervention near the end of the meetings.
- South Africa circulated paper that has KP target periods of 2013-2017, 2018-2022, not as much talk about 2013-2020
- Different baselines and targets talked about – clear US will not sign onto a KP baseline of 1990
- Not clear how the Obama Administration's goal of 80% GHG reductions by 2050 will match up with what is agreed to in the international arena, and what Congress will agree to in domestic legislation

## **2) Proposed EGTT Workshop**

While in Bonn, Jim floated the concept paper for a private luncheon/roundtable discussion with key delegates of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) – and received a positive response from the Chair of the EGTT. Details of the proposal are below

*Technology Transfer Opportunities in Energy Efficiency in the Industrial and Building Sectors”*

- June 3 or 4 in Bonn at Maritime Hotel
- Target audience: 10 – 15 Delegates serving on the Expert Working Group on Technology Transfer and 5 – 7 participants from the BCSE/ICSE
- Format: Private, roundtable discussion
- Topics:
  - Opportunity for technology transfer in the building sector and industrial energy efficiency in developing country markets – India, China, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil and Korea (combined heat and power, OxyFuel, etc.)
  - Needs Assessment: financing, capacity building, technology demonstration and commercialization – and what can a Copenhagen agreement do to move this forward

Action Requested: Please let the Council know if your company is interested in participating in such an event in Bonn by Friday, May 1.

## **3) 2009 International Meetings Schedule**

- April 27 - 28: Major Economies Forum, DC
- May 24 - 26: World Business Summit on Climate Change in Copenhagen
  - Dietrich Gross, Jupiter Oxygen will be attending
- June 1 – 12: UNFCCC Meeting in Bonn
  - Currently Lisa, Jim, Jupiter Oxygen and EcoSecurities will be attending
- July 8 - 10: G-8 Summit in Sardinia, Italy, and the Ministerial level meeting of the MEF
- August 10 -14: UNFCCC in Bonn
- Sept. 28 – October 9: UNFCCC in Bangkok
- November 2 – 6: UNFCCC, TBD
- Dec. 7 – 18: UNFCCC/COP-15 in Copenhagen

The Council does not currently have enough budget to cover the summer/fall UNFCCC meetings – in order to do so, additional fundraising contributions will be required.

## **4) Copenhagen COP-15 Update**

Hotel blocks should be distributed to the BCSE in coming weeks, at which point the information will be relayed to interested members. In the meantime, members should feel free to reserve their individual rooms online if you have a specific budget or target room price.

## **5) Major Economies Forum**

Washington, DC will host the first leaders meeting of the MEF, April 27 – 28. The U.S. still formulating objectives, but early focus areas include the MEF’s potential contributions to COP-15

and a possible technology focus/roll-out. A welcome reception is planned for April 27 in the evening, and a possible de-brief for business and industry groups on April 29 or 30. The current plan is to have monthly leaders meeting between now and July for the G-8/MEF Summit.

## **6) US Domestic Policy**

### Testimony of Todd Stern

On April 22, Todd Stern, U.S. Special Envoy on Climate Change testified before the Senate Foreign Relations committee. Some general notes from the testimony and question & answer period that followed include:

- Prescribes a pragmatic approach
- Stern expects that all countries (including major developing countries such as China) will make significant, real commitments, consistent with the science
- Agrees with “common but differentiated responsibilities” and the differences will narrow over time
- No free pass for any country
- “Do the math”
- Foundation of U.S. international negotiating strategy – is U.S. domestic policy
- Sen. Lugar requested more to explain climate change science to his constituents
- Sen. Corker asked for more knowledge of what the U.S. position is going to submit in 48 hours (April 24) to the UN (new AWG-LCA text deadline), also spoke about fraudulent CDM
- Stern said the CDM needs to be “narrowed but broadened,” sectoral agreements could be a part of the Copenhagen agreement, but a broad framework is more likely to come out of COP-15
- Stern acknowledged that financing is an important part of the international agreement, carbon markets could provide some funding, but governments will have to give money to adaptation/mitigation funds.

### Briefing Series with Senate Foreign Relations Committee

BCSE received positive feedback from Kathleen Frangione, Office of Senator Kerry to host this series. The target audience includes Senate Foreign Relations staff and Congressional staff that have been or will be involved in the U.S. delegation to the COP-15.

The first briefing will take place on May 11 or 15, and the focus will be to share industry views on status, key issues and objectives for Copenhagen agreement; de-brief on March/April event, expectations for June session.

Kathleen has also requested a briefing on technology transfer issues in the UNFCCC context, education on practical approaches to this issue covering R&D, finance, IP, & capacity building.

### Competitiveness Provisions in Clean Energy Economy

The Council provided a general overview of these provisions in Title IV -Transitioning to a Clean Energy Economy in the Waxman-Markey draft legislation. Provisions include measures to make border adjustments through an international reserve allowance, and rebates for manufacturing and industrial sectors that may lose a competitive advantage with countries that do not have comparable greenhouse gas and market regulations in place.

## **7) 2009 Workplan**

Next 3 months (May - July)

- Draft post-2012 paper/building block position papers, pending resources
- Review draft texts and identify priority areas for advocacy
- Implement Congressional briefings

Next 5 months (Aug - Dec)

- Develop strategy to advance key priorities
- Monitor developments in US Policy
- Potential Coverage of fall negotiations
- Plan activities for Copenhagen, December 2009

## **8) Guest Speaker: Ms. Elizabeth Ladt, Boyden Grey Associates, Environmental Goods and Services Agreement (EGSA) Coalition**

Boyden Grey Associates is looking to create a coalition of multi-national firms and non-governmental organizations (similar to the model of U.S. Climate Action Partnership) that will coalesce around two goals:

- 1) Break the Environmental Goods and Services Agreement (EGSA) out of the Doha Round of negotiations as quickly as possible while still conducting the negotiations within the WTO
- 2) Push the EGSA negotiations to successful completion

Ms. Ladt invited the Council to consider joining the coalition, and invites members to an event in the next month or so which will further develop the coalition.

Please see attached briefer on the EGSA Coalition that was distributed at the meeting.

## **Participants**

*In-person:* Ambassador Francesco Olivieri, Gu Yoon Chung, Enel North America; Ken Mentzer, NAIMA; Dave Schnaars, Solar Turbines; Jim Wolf, Global Policy Associates. *Via teleconference:* Aimee Barnes, EcoSecurities; John Kadysewski, Winrock International; Thomas Weber, Jupiter Oxygen.