



BUSINESSEUROPE seminar
On the road to Paris
Recent perspectives on INDCs
8 October 2015
9.00 - 13.00

Av. De Cortenbergh 168, 1000 Brussels

The process of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) in the run-up to the UN's COP21 summit in Paris at the end of the year is unique. It is the first time such a worldwide, bottom-up process, is tested in the UNFCCC context. By now, more than 40 governments have submitted their planned pledges. Much more are expected to come in the coming months.

The INDCs process is key for a successful outcome at COP21. It is expected to bring meaningful indications about post-2020 climate policies and instruments countries are putting in place. INDCs are of great importance for industry and businesses which expect, as early as possible, clarity and predictability on policies in order to plan their investment decisions. Looking into experiences gained from the different contributions submitted so far, BUSINESSEUROPE will be hosting a seminar on the different INDCs to trigger the debate on first lessons from their analysis both in terms of ambition and comparability.

Programme

Welcome and introduction

Alexandre Affre, Director of Industrial Affairs, BUSINESSEUROPE

Moderated by Nick Campbell

Panel 1: National perspectives on INDCs

The first panel will look into some of the INDCs already submitted, discussing the way they have been prepared and their content, but also what governments plan to follow-up on their INDCs after COP21.

With contributions from:

- Peter Chase, Vice-President, US Chamber of Commerce
- Nicola Gordon-Smith, Deputy Head of Mission of Australia to the EU
- Yoshihide Hirao, First Secretary, Mission of Japan to the EU
 - Artur Runge-Metzger, Director, European Commission
 - Zhen Shang, First Secretary, Mission of China to the EU

Coffee break

Panel 2: First lessons from the INDCs submitted so far

The second panel will discuss in broader terms information which can be derived from the INDCs submitted so far both in terms of ambition and comparability. It will look also into what relevant stakeholders expect from the INDCs process.

With contributions from:

- Benjamin Denis, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- William Garcia, Executive Director, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
 - Michiel Stork, Senior Consultant, Ecofys
- Jeff Swartz, Policy Director, International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)
 - Sam Van Den Plas, Policy Officer, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Closing remarks

Olivier Imbault, Chair of BUSINESSEUROPE Energy and Climate Working Group