

“Implementing Copenhagen: business and regional government in a new low carbon world”

Barcelona, Wednesday 4th November 2009

Venue: Palau de Pedralbes. Avinguda Diagonal, 686. Barcelona - 08034

The Government of Catalonia and The Climate Group will gather Spanish business leaders and sub-national government representatives on the side of the last preparatory meeting before Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen.

The event will focus on the key elements and the implementation of a global deal, discussing how business and all levels of government can work together on scaling-up of existing solutions, especially with regard to energy efficiency and renewables.

Evidence shows that 70% of the reductions needed by 2020 can be achieved by investing in energy efficiency, renewables and deforestation. The technologies and policies already exist but we need to scale up and invest now for the longer future.

Objectives

- 1 A clear, targeted and strong message for EU policymakers and Copenhagen negotiators in advance of Copenhagen and demanding a leadership position in securing and implementing a global agreement post-Copenhagen.
- 2 A summary of the results of the session as a guideline to jump-start engagement with business and government post Copenhagen and especially during the Spanish presidency of the EU

Draft Agenda

9:30-
9:45

Opening Remarks

Mr. Francesc Baltasar, Minister of the Environment and Housing, Government of Catalonia

Mr. Antoni Zabalza, Chair of the Environmental Committee, Foment del Treball

9:45-
11:00

Session 1: Implementation of the global deal

“Key elements of a successful global deal and getting on track to reach the 2020 targets”

Mr. Mark Kenber, Policy Director, The Climate Group

Roundtable/panel discussion with participants answering following questions:

- a) What does a successful Copenhagen agreement look like? What are the minimum elements of the deal for this success to be achieved?
- b) What are the key first steps in implementing the deal and who needs to make them?

Participants:

Ms. Michelle Sabban, Vice-President of Ile de France

Mr. Nick Campbell, Chair of the Climate Change Taskforce, International Chamber of Commerce

Mr Veerle Vandeweerd, Director of the energy and environment group, UNDP

Mr. Jesús Abadia, Environment and Sustainability Director, Endesa

Mr. Pedro Mora, Technology and Environment Director, Oficemen

Representative of the UNFCCC secretariat

11:00-
11:30

“Catalan Strategy on Climate Change”

Mr. Jose Montilla, President of the Government of Catalonia

Coffee break

11:45-
13:15

Session 2: Technology solutions for a low carbon economy

“CSP and the Super Grid in Spain and the Mediterranean”

Mr. Gus Schellekens

Director of the Sustainability and Climate Change Team, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Roundtable/panel discussion with participants answering following questions:

- a) What kind of decarbonising initiatives within the power and transport sector will lead to a low carbon future?
- b) Which can be the Financing Mechanisms for implementing clean technology development and deployment?
- c) Which can be the role of regional government in driving low carbon technology deployment?

Participants:

Mr. John Scowcroft, Head of the Environment & Sustainable Development Policy Unit, Euroelectric (invited)

Mr. Josh Steinmann, Vice president of Business Development, Better Place (invited)

Representative of the Basque Country Government

Representative of the EU-Commission

13:15-
14.15

Session 3

“Priorities for the Spanish presidency of the EU, implementing Copenhagen Agreement in Europe”

Ms. Teresa Ribera, State Secretary on Climate Change, Government of Spain

“Corporate priorities for 2010”

Mr. Saenz de Miera, Director of Prospective Regulation, Iberdrola

“The role of Business Post Copenhagen”

Representative of the UNFCCC secretariat

“Regional Government-Business partnerships for implementation”

Mr. Stewart Stevenson, Minister for the Environment, Scotland