

DRAFT AGENDA

Senior Officials Meeting on trade and sustainable development in the follow-up of ASEM8 15.-16.02.2011, Egmont Palace, Brussels

15. February 2011

8:30-9:00 **Registration of participants**

9:00-9:30 **Opening Session**

Welcome and opening

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Asian Coordinator (tbd)

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9:30-11:00 **1. Session: Liberalisation of trade in environmental goods
and services**

The aim is to maintain further exchanges of experiences. The issue of trade in environmental goods and services has been addressed in the past by international organisations such as the OECD, APEC and the World Bank. The WTO Doha Development Agenda launched negotiations on environmental goods and services "with a view to enhancing the mutual supportiveness of trade and environment". Initiatives in the context of bilateral or regional trade agreements are also taking place.

Speakers

Possible lead: EU

TRADE C 1

Possible respondent Asia:

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 **2. Session: incentives, government procurement and feed in
tariffs**

Public authorities are major consumers of goods and services. By using their purchasing power to support environmentally friendly, resource-efficient and clean products and technologies, they can make an important contribution to sustainable consumption and production, and provide a strong stimulus for eco-innovation.

Feed-in tariffs have been a successful driver for the deployment of clean energy generation facilities in the countries where they have been applied. They have triggered production and installation of generating equipment and encouraged research and development of ever more efficient products. The design and

implementation of a feed-in tariff system should take account of several factors, including grid access on a non-discriminatory basis.

Speakers

Possible lead: Asia

Possible respondent: EU TRADE C1, ENER C 1/ A 3

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break (lunch offered by Belgium)

14:30-16:00 3. Session: Technology Cooperation

The European Seventh Framework Programme (7th FP - 2007-2013) allows collaborative research at international level. Scientific cooperation and possible joint activities on specific research areas such as Carbon Capture and Storage could be addressed in the light of the 7th FP. One of the 7th FP instruments, for example developed to further increase international scientific partnerships, has been the setting up of common research calls for proposals, co-funded by Europe and partner countries.

This mechanism might need to be applied at bi-regional level which could be explored in the ASEM context.

Carbon Capture and Storage is but one area where cooperation can be developed and other mechanisms than the 7th FP could be discussed.

Speakers

Possible lead: EU

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Possible respondent: Asia

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 4. Session: Carbon pricing/ Carbon market mechanisms

Carbon market mechanisms, such as emissions trading systems, are important instruments for reducing greenhouse gas emissions cost-effectively, mobilizing finance from the private sector and driving investment in low-carbon technologies. ASEM members could also discuss the implications of carbon market mechanisms, such as emissions trading systems, on trade among them.

Speakers

Possible lead: Asia

Possible respondent: EU

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**19:00 Cocktail Reception
(offered by the European Commission)
Place:**

16. February 2011

9:00-11:00 5. Session: Fuel subsidies

The Leaders' Statement of the G-20 Pittsburgh Summit included a commitment "To phase out and rationalize over the medium term inefficient fossil fuel subsidies while providing targeted support for the poorest. Inefficient fossil fuel subsidies... impede investment in clean energy sources and undermine efforts to deal with the threat of climate change." Since then, several international organizations have addressed the issue and other international developments have followed. It would appear worthwhile that Europe and Asia pursue an exchange of views on this.

Speakers

Possible lead: EU

ENER C 1/ A 3

Possible respondent: Asia

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 6. Session: Other SOMTI-related issues

Topics to be specified

Possible lead: Asia

Possible respondent: EU

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break (lunch offered by Belgium)

14:30-15:30 Closing Session: Designing the way ahead

Discussion on follow-up and possible adoption of conclusions - Closing words.

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