

Pre-COP 24 Briefing

***** Draft Agenda *****

(Speakers are being confirmed)

Date: October 2, 2018

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Location: University Foundation, rue d’Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

Background

During the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP) of November 2017 in Bonn, Parties had the aim to make significant progress on the development of the “Paris rulebook”.

COP24, which will take place from 3-14 December 2018 in Katowice, seeks to continue to work out and ultimately adopt a package of decisions ensuring the full implementation of the Paris Agreement. It will additionally include the Facilitative Dialogue intended to support the implementation of National commitments.

Progress has been made during the last three years, with some issues being at a more mature stage in negotiations than others, but a lot of work remains to be done at COP 24 before a substantive rulebook can be agreed upon.

During this meeting, the discussion will focus on the EU’s position and ambition leading up to Katowice, with a special focus on Article 6 and carbon markets. But also on what the expected or possible outcomes are of COP 24 (the Paris Rulebook) and the political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue.

14:30

Registration

15:00

Welcome and introduction

A. Marcu, Director of ERCST and Senior Fellow at ICTSD

15:10 – 16:10

Overview of EU priorities for COP 24

During this session, we aim to have a discussion about the overall priorities of the EU for COP 24 in Katowice. What will the approach of the EU be for negotiations? What does the EU hope the Paris Rulebook will look like?

Moreover, what will be the influence of the high-level reports being released and events taking place this year on the EU's level of ambition and overall priorities? These include the political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue, the IPCC 1.5°C Report and the new EU Long-Term Climate Strategy, currently being prepared by the European Commission.

This session will start with opening remarks from Yvon Slingenberg (Director - DG Clima), followed by a roundtable discussion among panel members and participants.

- Y. Slingenberg, Director, DG Clima
- N. Campbell, Arkena
- S. Droege, SWP

Roundtable discussion with participants

16:10 – 17:00

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and carbon markets

This session will go deeper into the EU approach towards Article 6 and the role of carbon markets in general.

Martin Hession (DG Clima) and Sophie Closson (Belgium) will first outline the EU's priorities for Article 6 to be achieved at COP 24 in Katowice. This will be followed by a general discussion among panel members and participants.

- M. Hession, DG Clima
- S. Closson, Belgium
- D. Forrister, IETA
- A. Kachi, New Climate Institute

Roundtable discussion with participants

17:00

Concluding remarks and wrap-up of the meeting

A. Marcu, Director of ERCST and Senior Fellow at ICTSD