

India-EU Town Hall Meeting on Border Carbon Adjustments

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

Date: June 25th, 2020

Time: 1230 – 1430 CET | 1600 – 1800 IST

Location: Zoom Videoconference

The European Green Deal has strengthened the level of climate ambition, increasing the asymmetry of climate efforts by aiming to achieve climate neutrality in the European Union by 2050. This raises the question of how to deal with competitive pressure and carbon leakage, pushing Border Carbon Adjustments (BCAs) to the front as a possible solution. According to the roadmap for the European Green Deal, a proposal for a BCA for “selected sectors” will be released in 2021. So far, we can only speculate what such a BCA might look like, as few policy details have been released.

ERCST and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) are organising a town hall with speakers from the EU and India in support of examining the role that BCAs may play in addressing asymmetry in climate ambition under the Paris Agreement, with a special focus on the plans of the European Union in this regard. Given the resurgence of discussions about BCAs on the EU political agenda, it is the right time to have a closer look at the various available policy design elements and options, along with the associated environmental, economic, political and legal implications, in order to better understand what type of BCA might work for the EU.

This is the second meeting in a series of similar town hall meetings in support of ERCST’s workstream on ‘Border Carbon Adjustments in the EU’. As a European BCA will have global implications, these town hall meetings aim to uncover reactions from different trading partners of the EU to discover the reality of the international views outside of the so-called *Brussels’ bubble*. The aim is to facilitate discussion among stakeholders on the objectives, concerns, and options that should be considered when designing a BCA addressing uneven climate policies. The outcome of the discussions will feed into a policy paper on the international views on BCA that ERCST will publish in collaboration with its partners.

ERCST will consider the ideas and conclusions raised during the topic sessions when writing the draft of the report.

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1230 CET | 1600 IST Opening remarks

- A. Marcu, ERCST
- A. Ghosh, CEEW

1240 CET | 1610 IST ERCST presentation on Border Carbon Adjustments

ERCST will give a presentation on Border Carbon Adjustments and a possible EU proposal, including the position of different groups in the European Union such as the European Commission, EU Member States and businesses.

- A. Marcu, ERCST
- M. Mehling, ERCST

1255 CET | 1625 IST Views from Indian stakeholders (moderated by Dr Arunabha Ghosh, CEO, CEEW)

Indian stakeholders from different sectors of society will comment on the presentation on BCAs and the intervention from the EU business representatives. They will also give an initial reaction on the position we can expect from India following the establishment of a EU BCA.

- Shri Jairam Ramesh, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
- Dr Kasturi Das, Professor, Institute of Management Technology and Chevening Fellow, University of Oxford
- Mr Mahendra Singhi, President, Cement Manufacturers Association and Managing Director and CEO, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
- Ms Seema Arora, Deputy Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Mr Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President (Corporate Services), Tata Steel Limited

1340 CET | 1710 IST Views from EU business representatives

Business representatives from the European Union will present their perspective on Border Carbon Adjustments and explain the rationale behind their point of view.

- R.J. Jeekel, Head of European Institutional Affairs, ArcelorMittal

1355 CET | 1725 IST

Roundtable discussion and Q&A with participants

Following the presentations and initial reactions, a moderated roundtable discussion will give the participants from both the EU and India an opportunity to interact.

1425 CET | 1755 IST

Concluding remarks and next steps