

Business and Industry Intervention
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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates. I'm Jim Wolf with the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and I am speaking on behalf of international business, we would like to express our continued support of the work under the SBSTA and commend the level of effort put forward during this session to advance the design and implementation of the Technology Mechanism. We support the effort to complete this work programme in 2011 and to deliver a call for proposals for a host of the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTC+N) at COP-17.

As discussed at the technology workshop held in Bangkok in April, the business community is a ready and willing partner to help both in the design and operation of the CTC+N. The delivery of a technology mechanism is a practical outcome that could offer immediate benefits as the need for low-carbon technology solutions is one that is shared by all.

The business community seeks a clear role to engage in the process, at all stages of the development of the CTC+N: from design to implementation to operation. A partnership with the private sector, especially now at the early stages will help identify and overcome the existing barriers to investment and technology deployment, and will enable maximum efficiency gains and green house gas reductions to be achieved.

We urge delegates to take advantage of existing business networks, technologies and expertise to build out the CTC+N.

Business can provide constructive input to both the process and to Parties, including:

- Experience of policies that will create sustainable investment and markets for low-carbon technologies;
- Industry specific expertise from sectors such as energy, transportation and buildings to finance, monitoring and metrics; and
- Services for technical assistance and professional training.

In closing, the business community is here as a partner, and a standing resource of expertise and consultation in support of your work. We look forward to exploring ways to continue and enhance this engagement.