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Clean Energy Industries Seek Practical Outcomes from Climate Talks in 2011

Bonn, Germany — As the United Nations Climate Change Conference concludes this week and sights turn towards November and the COP-17 in Durban, South Africa, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy reaffirms its support for continued efforts by governments to implement key elements of the Cancún Agreement.

The Council acknowledges the moderate pace of progress of the negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change at Bonn, and calls upon governments to refocus on practical milestones and outcomes that can be delivered upon in 2011. As the Council looks towards the COP-17 in Durban, it envisions a Durban package of outcomes that includes advancement of the plans to operationalize a technology center and network, to stand up the Green Climate Fund, and to find a common system of monitoring and verification of country actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

On June 16, BCSE Board Member Jim Wolf delivered a [statement](#) on behalf of international business and industry at the closing session of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA). Mr. Wolf's statement emphasized to the delegates that "a partnership with the private sector will help identify and overcome the existing barriers to investment and technology deployment, and will enable maximum efficiency gains and greenhouse gas reductions to be achieved." His statement identified advancement of the architecture of a technology mechanism as a practical outcome that could emerge from negotiations this year.

Clean energy industries are ready to provide technical and constructive input to countries, including experiences with policies that will create sustainable investment and markets for low-carbon technologies. Signals are needed from the inter-governmental process that will build trust and increase the market certainty needed by business to make investments that will advance the deployment of sustainable energy solutions—for both mitigation and adaptation—around the world.

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