



Report of Official BCSE Activities at the UN Climate Change Conference in Poznań, Poland, December 1-12, 2008

The Council hosted a series of activities throughout the two weeks of the COP14 in Poznań, Poland. These activities ranged from public side events to private dinners, receptions and smaller one-on-one meetings with Congressional staff, U.S. delegation members, foreign delegation members and other NGOs. The following is a brief overview of these activities.

A very big dzhehnkooyeh (thank you) to the sponsors of Council activities in Poznań – ERM, First Environment, INGAA, Jupiter Oxygen, SMUD, NAIMA, Trane, Solar Turbines, and Walmart – without their generous support the following activities would not have been possible.

Notes from meetings held with U.S. Congressional Staff from Monday, December 8 – Wednesday, December 10 are attached in a separate document.

Wednesday, December 10

Intervention

On behalf of the International Council for Sustainable Energy (ICSE), Lisa delivered an intervention before the closing plenary of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA). To watch a webcast of the intervention, please click here: <http://copportal1.man.Poznań.pl/Archive.aspx?EventID=34&Lang=english>. A copy of the full written submission of the intervention is attached.

Dinner with German State Minister

As a follow up to past discussions, Jupiter Oxygen arranged for a dinner meeting with Minister Tanja Goenner, Ministry of Environment, Baden-Württemberg to share information on energy efficiency efforts in both the US and Germany.

Tuesday, December 9

Press Briefing: Climate Solutions Businesses Urge Ministers to Take Action

A grouping of associations representing businesses that provide climate solutions - including the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), the International Council for Sustainable Energy (ICSE), the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and the Carbon Markets & Investors Association (CMIA) – highlighted the urgent need for government action to improve the confidence of businesses at the helm of the transition to a global low carbon economy. A copy of the full press release is attached.

The BCSE hosted a side event with the Alliance to Save Energy and the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) on “Energy Efficiency: Opportunities & Challenge.” BCSE Board member Kateri Callahan will moderated the panel, which included U.S. Congressional staff, representatives of the California government and leading experts on energy efficiency.

Monday, December 8

The BCSE co-hosted an evening reception with the Alliance to Save Energy and the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), following a side event on U.S Action in Copenhagen & Beyond, featuring several U.S. Congressional staff.

Saturday, December 6

Annual Dinner for UNFCCC Delegates & Clean Energy Industry Leaders

Over fifty people attend the dinner, which was hosted at the Bazanciarnia Restaurant in the main square under the banner of the International Council for Sustainable Energy (ICSE). Representatives from the delegations of Australia, Belgium, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, and the UK which included remarks by guest speaker Executive Secretary Yvo De Boer.

This year was the second year in a row that the Executive Secretary has attended the council dinner, which speaks to the substantive and respected position of the Council as a representative of the business NGO community (BINGO) specifically and in the NGO observer community more broadly. The dinner provides our members and the members of our ICSE partners the opportunity to engage high-level country delegates and officials of the UNFCCC process.

A few highlights of Yvo De Boer's remarks include:

- We are halfway to Copenhagen, but we have not done half of the work ... he is concerned about those who question what will be delivered at Copenhagen, as we do not yet even have a structure set for the deal that is to be made. The definition of our goal, our objective, must be carefully set for Copenhagen
- Three things need clarity: commitments, money, and institutions & government
- Are we setting a ceiling or floor in Copenhagen? Commitments or Incentives?
- What/how will the US and China engage? In trade of clean coal technology? China does not want or need money, it wants respect in international circles.
- Likens the EU ETS to a lobster trap – once you get the lobster (regulated entities) inside the trap (or the market up and running), then you can adjust/strengthen/tighten the emissions reductions, allocations, etc.

Friday, December 5

Annual Clean Energy Reception for U.S. Delegation

The reception hosted over 75 people, which included most of the U.S. Delegation that was already in town (note: most Congressional staff did not arrive until 12/7). Lisa toasted and thanked lead U.S. negotiator Harlan Watson for his many years of service. The reception provided an excellent opportunity to close a busy first week and to engage the U.S. negotiating team in an informal setting.

Meeting with Kazuhiko Hombu, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan

Jeff Moe, Jim Wolf, and Lisa Jacobson met with Mr. Hombu, Director General for Natural Resources and Energy Policy, METI, to discuss further Japan's proposal on sectoral approaches in a post 2012 agreement.

Thursday, December 4

Side Events

Over the course of two weeks, the Council was involved in a total of three side events. Side events are a series of parallel meetings put on by the NGO observer community, and in its totality constitute a conference on the latest climate change research, policy, and issue areas of concern to various countries, institutions, businesses and interest groups. NGOs were encouraged to collaborate with other organizations to design and host these events, in order to accommodate increasing demand as the NGO community engaged in this process also increases.

On December 4 the Council was part of two side events. The first was co-sponsored with the German Marshal Fund and the Carbon Market Investors Association entitled –“**Opportunities and Challenges for a US cap and trade program: Business and Policymaker View**”. Lisa Beal, INGAA; Kate Hampton, Climate Change Capital; and Lisa Jacobson were part of the business respondent panel to earlier presentations made by Jonathan Pershing, WRI and Artur Runge-Metzger, Head, Climate Strategy for the European Commission.

The second event also on December 4 was solely sponsored by the BCSE – “**Technology and Market Roadmap to 2020: U.S. Clean Energy Businesses Urge Action**”- and featured Dave Schnaars, Lisa Beal, Obadiah Bartholomy, Jeff Moe and Aimee Barnes who set out a pathway for how clean energy technology and the right policy incentives can lead the way to immediate greenhouse gas reductions. Both events were featured in a daily publication put out by the International Institute for Sustainable Development that covers side events at the COP14, please click here: <http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop14/enbots/dec04.html> to read the full stories.