The Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Climate Change Task Force, International Activities
2008 Accomplishments and Advocacy

2008 Objectives

- Show business commitment to legally-binding post-2012 agreement with market-based approaches
- Draw attention to existing clean energy technologies, energy efficiency opportunities and national polices to accelerate deployment
- Develop policy recommendations for post-2012 climate change treaty
- Build stronger strategic relationship with sister organizations in UK, Australia and EU, including formation of International Council for Sustainable Energy (ICSE)

2008 Accomplishments

- Bali Plan of Action adopted which included several BCSE recommendations, such as timeline for negotiations, short and long-term targets and support of market-based mechanisms.
- Released Bali Plan of Action Scorecard for delegates at COP-13 with International Council for Sustainable Energy.
- Addressed delegates in front of Ad Hoc Working Group on Future Commitments to the Kyoto Protocol on post-2012 policy recommendations, COP-13.
- Held annual COP dinner with top international delegates to press for adoption of Bali Plan of Action. Guests included Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board members and Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC Yvo de Boer. Delegates represented China, Mexico, Germany, EU, Australia, UK, Cost Rica, Norway and others.
- Launched International Council for Sustainable Energy (ICSE) at COP-13
- Addressed delegates in front of Second Session of Ad Hoc Working Group on Future Commitments to the Kyoto Protocol on post-2012 policy recommendations, June 2008

International Policy Development

- Development of BCSE Post-2012 recommendations and brochure – *in progress*

    - Clean Technology Role in climate mitigation and post-2012 global agreement
    - BCSE/Policy Recommendations

- Member briefings on key post-2012 issues

    - Targets and timetables
    - Sectoral approaches
    - Financing mechanisms

Advocacy Activities in Support of International Policy Priorities

- Led clean energy delegations to UNFCCC negotiations

    - Thirteenth Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (Bali, Indonesia, December 2007)
    - Inter-sessional UNFCCC meetings (Bonn, Germany, June 2008)

- Host of International Council for Sustainable Energy launch reception with US delegation, COP-13.

- Representation at Bangkok Climate Change Talks, March 2008

- Increased profile of Council members and emerging renewable energy technologies through a side event at the World International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC), March 2008.

- Increased profile of Council members and advanced post-2012 policy priorities through side events at COP-13 and June 2008 Inter-sessional meetings.

- Press Release: Calling for G8 leaders to adopt short-term targets as part of July 2008 declaration.

- Established relationships with key Congressional staff during international climate negotiations: Meetings with Senate Foreign Relations staff (June 2008); Congressional Staff delegation (December 2007). On-going follow up during 2008.

- Established relationships with World Bank officials overseeing new clean energy initiatives: Meetings with Alan Miller, International Finance Corporation and senior World Bank Staff overseeing the Carbon Partnership Facility.

- Established relationships with U.S. Treasury officials overseeing development of Clean Technology Fund. Briefing by Kenneth Peel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Treasury.