

# Engaging Business

## USCIB International Climate Policy Update

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**Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of USCIB's "Engaging Business" International Climate Policy Update,** highlighting actions by USCIB, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) the Major Economies Business Forum (BizMEF) and other business groups in preparation for COP-21.

In this edition, we focus on the submission of national pledges that form the heart of the Paris Agreement, implications of New York Climate week and agreed UN SDGs, and look ahead to the final negotiating session. Please also refer to [this dedicated climate change page on the USCIB website](#).

**In case you missed it!** Click [here](#) to view the first edition of *Engaging Business*.

### **The Pace quickens for Paris:**

Most governments have submitted national pledges, also known as INDCs: In advance of the October 1 deadline for submission, 107 INDCs have been submitted (including one which represents the EU 28 and Latvia) covering over 75% of global emissions.

[Information](#) on the **Lima-Paris Action Agenda**, initiatives and already existing commitments can also be found on the Non State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA), as well as directions on how to upload new private sector commitments.

New York Climate Week (September 21 – 28) coincided with the opening of the UN General Assembly and Summit for the 2030 Development Agenda. Heads of State and Pope Francis emphasized the urgency for climate action, and Governments agreed the UN 2030 Development Agenda and 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These include Goals 7 on Access to Energy and Goal 13 on Climate Change. *For more information on the SDGs and the 2030 Development Agenda, please see [USCIB's Business for 2030 website](#). USCIB is still accepting submissions to the website:*



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### USCIB Meetings and USCIB in Action

**October 6-8:** Second Innovation for Cool Earth Forum (ICEF2), Tokyo

**October 15-16:** ICC & BIAC Commission Meetings on Climate Change, Energy & Environment, Paris

**October 19-23:** ADP 2-11, Bonn

**October 20 – 21:** Secretary Kerry's Energy and Investment Forum, Washington DC

**November 17:** MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ★  
 USCIB U.S. Business COP-21 Preparatory Meeting, Washington DC

### **In Paris at COP-21 (Nov 30-Dec 11)**

**December 1:** USCIB Side Event on Open Trade to Deploy Technology Solutions for Climate Change at the *US Center at Le Bourget*

**December 2:** BizMEF side-event (TBC): Business Perspectives on INDCs (in partnership with: MEDEF, the US Chamber of Commerce, and the World Steel Association) at the *Climate Generations Area*

**December 5:** USCIB – American Chamber of Commerce France: An Executive Briefing and Roundtable at the Half Way point: U.S. Business Priorities in COP-21 and the Way Forward – by invitation only (TBC)

**December 10:** USCIB report-out to USCIB members on COP-21 status and negotiations

## ★ Update: Events for Business during :

**Schedule of Thematic Action Days organized by the Government of France has been announced:** The Lima/Paris Call for Climate Action will convene a **High Level Meeting on Climate Action, i.e. the 'High Level Action Day'**, on December 5<sup>th</sup> to share the objectives and achievements of impactful initiatives. The Action day will be supported by a sequence of 'Thematic Action Days' to enable stakeholders to highlight sectoral commitments and individual engagements and present existing solutions' pathways for each main action area of the Agenda. These Action Days will be official events with expected high-level attendance.

### **December 1:**

AM: Forests / PM: Agriculture

### **December 2:**

AM & PM: Adaptation & resiliency

### **December 3:**

AM: Transportation / PM: Buildings

### **December 4:**

AM: Private Finance /PM: Innovation

### **December 5:**

High Level Action Day

### **December 7:**

AM: Renewable energy / PM: Energy efficiency

### **December 8:**

AM: Cities & local authorities

PM: CACC – Short term pollutants

For additional practical details on , please consult the official [COP-21 website](#).

**N.B.** registration for UN zone passes is **now closed**. USCIB has received 4 badges for each week of the COP. We continue to seek additional slots for USCIB members. Numerous business-relevant events to be held at Le Bourget and in Paris will not require a UN zone pass. USCIB is organizing events in both Paris and Le Bourget which we encourage you to take part in. Watch these *Engaging Business* updates for more information on these opportunities.

**Information on the Role of Business:** The ICC serves as the recognized focal point for business and industry NGOs (BINGOs) attending UN climate meetings. Please visit the [ICC's website](#) for more information on BINGO meetings and other activities.

### **USCIB in Action**

★ USCIB's Norine Kennedy attended the recent UNFCCC negotiation session, ADP 2-10, in Bonn, where governments met to re-organize and streamline the text with an eye on COP-21. The current ADP co-chairs "tool" text of July 14 is the most recent basis for negotiations, all 88 pages of it. ADP co-chairs will be issuing a new version of the text in coming days. *A report of the August 31 – September 4 ADP 2.10 session by Dr. Brian Flannery can be found [here](#).*

★ USCIB organized a Business Roundtable on the Green Climate Fund on September 25, with BCSE and IETA, hosted by Latham and Watkins. Leo Gonzalez Diaz, US Department of Treasury, and GCF Board member briefed the meeting on the status of the GCF Private Sector Facility and role of GCF in helping mobilize finance and investment for climate mitigation and adaptation.

★ USCIB will attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innovation for Cool Earth Forum in Tokyo, organized by the Government of Japan, October 6 – 8. Peter Robinson, USCIB's President and CEO, will be a featured Plenary Speaker. ICEF2 is a landmark meeting en route to COP-21, with focus on technology innovation and the role of the private sector. *More information on ICEF2 can be found [here](#)*

### **Campaign 2015:**

USCIB's Campaign 2015 is a comprehensive and targeted strategy of engagement, advocacy, events and public relations, to ensure USCIB members are heard in both the policy process and the arena of public opinion, and to offer them opportunities to highlight achievements.

With your support, we can strengthen USCIB's voice to make the case for good governance and enabling frameworks that incent the private sector to contribute more effectively through innovation, trade and investment. In the home stretch of 2015, USCIB will organize advocacy events in Washington and Paris in preparation for, and during, COP-21. These events will offer unique value propositions to USCIB members, with multiple sponsorship opportunities.

To find out about sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Norine Kennedy](#).



If your company would like **exhibition space** to showcase **low carbon solutions during COP-21** at the **U.S. government pavilion**, located at La Galerie, please see more details [here](#). **Space is limited.**



Exhibition of low carbon solutions during COP21  
United Nations Climate Change Conference  
PARIS Le Bourget - FRANCE  
December 2-9, 2015

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