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Cities as Drivers of Clean Energy Deployment and Sustainable Economic Growth 10:30 am–11:15 pm 6 April 2011

Overview

Over 50% of the world's population lives in cities, accounting for 70-80% of global GDP and a corresponding share of carbon emissions and energy consumption. Moreover, rapid urbanization in emerging markets promises to increase these footprints.

The CEM has a number of initiatives that are highly relevant to cities—including smart grids, building codes, efficient appliances, and electric vehicles—but with this roundtable, we hope to take a comprehensive view of how CEM governments can approach urban energy management.

The roundtable should generate 2 to 4 specific recommendations on urban sustainability policy for CEM Ministers to incorporate into their work programmes.

Discussion Topics

- How can governments support the creation of urban planning functions that integrate—and have authority over a range of cross-sector sustainability issues (e.g., building codes, smart grids, land-use, water, transportation, etc.)?
- What are the best models for the involvement of the private sector in these urban planning bodies? What is the role for the CEM governments to encourage city-level/private-sector cooperation?
- How can the CEM dialogue encourage new approaches to ensure the most efficient delivery of products and services for cities to reduce energy consumption, such as mandating a life-cycle approach to contracting, introducing performance standards, or labeling?

Format

The session aims to bring a specific subject area into focus in an interactive setting. There are no speeches, but rather a moderated conversation in which all participants are encouraged to share their views. This will be a private discussion held under the Chatham House Rule.

Objective

The objective for the discussion is to identify a small number of specific recommendations for action, which will be communicated to the Ministers, as to how their governments can support urban sustainability, particularly through cooperation in the CEM context.

Guidelines For All Participants

- Follow the direction of the moderator in terms of session format, speaking order, and time management
- Approach the topic informally and conversationally (no prepared presentations)
- Keep comments concise (maximum of 1-2 minutes per intervention

Session Structure And Flow

10:30-10:35 Opening Remarks from Moderator

Moderator welcomes co-chairs

10:35-11:00 Regulatory Approaches and Government Intervention

Open discussion with lead-off comments by:

- Sultan Al Jaber, Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates;
 CEO, Masdar
- Anders Lindblad, President, Ericsson Middle East

11:00–11:30 Models for Engaging the Private Sector in Government Urban Planning

Open discussion with lead-off comments by:

- Maud Olofsson; Minister; Ministry of Energy, Enterprise, and Communications; Sweden
- Pedro Miranda, Corporate Vice President, Siemens

11:30–12:05 Open Discussion: Which are the 2 to 4 most important, near-term ways in which CEM Ministers can intervene (through laws, regulations, and advocacy) to improve urban sustainability?

12:05–12:10 Closing remarks by Ministers and private-sector co-chairs

12:10-12:15 Moderator summarizes main messages and thanks participants to close session

Moderator

José María Figueres, Managing Partner, IJ Partners; President of Costa Rica (1994–1998)

Co-Chairs

Sultan Al Jaber, Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates; CEO, Masdar

Anders Lindblad, President, Ericsson Middle East

Pedro Miranda, Corporate Vice President, Siemens

Maud Olofsson; Minister; Ministry of Energy, Enterprise, and Communications; Sweden

Participants

Edward Abbo, CEO, C3

Falah Al Ahbabi, General Manager, Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council

Svante Bengtsson, CEO, REHACT AB

Alessandro Filippi; CEO of the companies AQUASER, KYKLOS, and SOLEMME; Acea SpA

Lykke Friis, Minister, Ministry of Climate and Energy, Denmark

Alan Frost, Director, Masdar City

Enrique Gomez-Junco, President, Optima Energía

Pedro Haberbosch, Partner, Foster and Partners

Charlotta Lundell, Senior Vice President Operations, Swedish Trade Council

Tim Makower, Partner, Allies and Morrison

Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, India

Janey Mehks, Director Environmental Affairs, Stockholm Business Region/City of Stockholm

Helen Mountford, Deputy Director of the Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Mary O'Kane, Chair, Australian Centre for Renewable Energy

Luciano Piacenti, Head of the Environment Department, Acea SpA

James Pringle; Acting CEO & Executive Director, Development; Tourism Development & Investment Company Peter Rathje, CEO, ProjectZero

Joel Riciputi, Vice President of Marketing, Hara

Graham Russell, CEO, United Arab Emirates and GCC States, Cemex

Iñigo Sabater; Vice President for Government Relations South Europe, Middle East, and Africa; Vestas Mediterranean

Gus Schellekens, Director, Sustainability and Climate Change Team, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Shen Jinxiang, President, Zhejiang Sheng Hui LED CO

Song Dengyuan, Chief Technology Officer, Yingli Group

Sun Haiyan, Vice President, ChangZhou Trina Solar Energy Co.

Graeme Sweeney, Executive Vice President, CO2, Shell CO2, Shell International Petroleum Company Limited

Jonas Törnblom, Director Corporate Marketing & Information, Envac AB

Wan Gang, Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, China

Wu Ling, General Secretary, China Solid State Lighting Alliance

Simon Zadek, Senior Fellow, Global Green Growth Institute; Non-Resident Senior Fellow, J. F. Kennedy School for Government, Harvard University

Zhang Zhihong, Deputy Director General, Department of High and New Technology Development and Industrialization, Ministry of Science and Technology, China

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