



Network of Regional Governments
for Sustainable Development

nrg4SD General Assembly

Session of Working Groups - Agenda

Monday 29th August 2011 - 14h30 - 19h00 - Québec City - Québec

Please note that this agenda is a draft subject to change

Objectives

Technical Working Group on Financing Climate Action and Advocacy Task Force on International Climate Change Negotiations

nrg4SD keeps a permanent Advocacy Task Force on International Climate Change Negotiations and launched a Technical Working Group on Financing Climate Action earlier this year. The session at the General Assembly will take stock of nrg4SD's activities in the past related to climate change as well as looking to the future. The **main objectives** are: (i) to continue working on the key dossiers and advocacy messages for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) in Durban, South Africa (December 2011); (ii) to deepen the collaboration with CDC Climat, and to (iii) continue the technical exchange of the ongoing initiatives of group members on financing climate action.

Working Group on Forest Policy

This working group is devoted to forest conservation and the sustainable management of forests. It will enable nrg4SD to develop expertise in forest policy and represent subnational governments at the international level. The **main objective** of the kick off session at the General Assembly is to work on the key elements of the Forest Policy Work Programme as prepared by Aquitaine, in its capacity of coordinator of the working group, including the agreement on the main activities of interest for members and on the strategy to engage with the UN Forest Forum and other relevant international entities.

Working Group on Biodiversity Protection Policy

This working group focuses on the implementation of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities of the UN Convention for Biological Diversity (UN CBD). The **main objective** is to discuss how nrg4SD can work with the UN CBD and the Global Partnership members in the development of the Plan of Action, with a particular focus on (i) a multilevel strategy, (ii) the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments, and (iii) decentralised cooperation on biodiversity matters.

Agenda

14h30-14h40 Introduction to the session

Chair of the Working Group sessions

Mr Dominique Ramard, President of the Environment–Energy Commission of the Regional Council of Brittany

14h40-16h25 Climate Change Working Group & Advocacy Task Force

Coordinators of the International Negotiations Task Force: Catalonia and Quebec

Coordinator of the Financing Climate Action Working: Brittany

Speakers

- Mr Pierre Ducret, Chief Executive Officer, CDC Climat, Caisse des Dépôts et des Consignations
- Mr Emmanuel Legrand, Deputy Director for Investments, CDC Climat
- Ms Annick Fourneaux, President of Air and Climate Agency, Wallonia
- Mr Vincent Royer, Climate Change Coordinator, Ministry for International Affairs, Quebec

Topics

14h40-14h55 Update on international climate change negotiations

- * Overview of the outcomes of the Cancun Agreements at COP16 in December 2010 for subnational governments
- * Key matters and prospects for subnational governments at COP17 December 2011

14h55-15h30 Key messages for UNFCCC COP17 in Durban, South Africa, December 2011

* Discussions building upon the key advocacy messages presented at intersessional negotiations in June 2011 – Climate change resolution

* Announcement of the European Conference of Regions in Climate Action in preparation of Durban, co-organised by Rhône-Alpes, nrg4SD and The Climate Group

15h30-15h50 Presentation of the Fast Start Wallonia-Africa Partnership for financing climate action – followed by Q&A session

15h50-16h10 Project-based mechanisms – Making a project happen – followed by Q&A session

16h10-16h25 Overview of nrg4SD-CDC Climat Memorandum of Understanding

16h25-16h45 Coffee break

16h45-17h30 Forest Policy Working Group - Kick Off

Coordinator of the Forest Policy Working Group: Aquitaine

Speakers

- Ms Béatrice Gendreau, Regional Councillor for Forests and Organic Farming, Regional Council of Aquitaine
- M. Oliver Degos, Regional Delegate for Sustainable Development, Regional Council of Aquitaine

Topics

16h45-17h00 Innovative Tools for Forest Management in Aquitaine – followed by Q&A session

17h00-17h20 Work Programme for the Forest Policy Working Group

- * Discussion and agreement on the main areas and activities for work of interest to members, including mutual learning projects
- * Strategy for engaging with the UB Forest Forum and other relevant international entities

17h20-17h30 Expressions of interest in membership to the Group

- * Call for candidatures for the role of ‘supporting member’ – emphasis on members with experience on the REDD+ mechanism

17h30-19h00 Biodiversity Protection Policy Working Group

Coordination of the Group: Currently coordinated by the nrg4SD Secretariat. A call for interest in the coordination is open. nrg4SD members who have expressed interest in membership to this Group include a keen interest so far include Canarias, Flanders, Nord Burkina, Rhône-Alpes, Paraná, São Paulo.

Speakers

- Mr Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer, UN Convention for Biological Diversity UN CBD
- Ms. Fabiana Figueiró Spinelli, Expert, United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP
- Mr. Andre Mader, Detached Expert from ICLEI at the UN Convention for Biological Diversity UN CBD
- Ms. Mariese Muchailh, Coordinator for Biodiversity and Forest, Secretariat of State for the Environment and Water Resources, State of Parana, Brazil
- Ms. Amélie Jalla, Biodiversity Expert, Directorate for Biodiversity, Regional Council of Rhône-Alpes

Topics

17h30 - 18h00 Biodiversity protection – Benefits for the subnational level

- * The Experience of Ecological Corridors in Rhône-Alpes
- * BioClima Project in Paraná

Followed by Q&A Session

18h00 - 18h20 The Plan of Action for Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities 2011-2020

- * 2011 – 2020 – What does it mean in practical terms for Subnational Governments?

* Towards a multilevel strategy for the implementation of the Plan of Action – How to get engaged?

18h20-18h45 Discussions on the creation of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments

- * How to input in its works?
- * What articulation with Parties and the Committee of Cities and Local Authorities
- * Getting ready for the *rendez-vous* in Paraná in February 2012

18h45-19h00 Project ideas for discussion an expression of interest by members

- * Getting decentralised cooperation biodiverse
- * Elaboration of guidelines for subnational strategies
- * Elaboration of a set of indicators for the Aichi Target at subnational level based on the experience of City Biodiversity Index CBI

19h00 End of the working groups session

Background and technical papers

Including recent nrg4SD materials for the Working Groups

Climate change

nrg4SD advocacy and position papers

- Subnational governments at the forefront of climate action – Advocacy Paper
- Subnational governments: Key Actors in Climate Action – A contribution towards COP17/CMP7

nrg4SD Background and technical papers

- Work Programme of the Financing Climate Action Working Group
- Financing Climate Action Working Group Work Programme
- The UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol - Rough Guide
- UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol- Glossary
- The Cancun Agreements UNFCCC COP 16/CMP 6 – Quick Guide
- The Cancun agreements - Overview on the main outcomes of UNFCCC COP 16/CMP 6
- Technical Amendments to the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action AWG-LCA
- Comment on COP16 outcomes - "The Tale of the 3 Success Stories"
- Key Dossiers for COP17/CMP7 Durban – Quick Guide

Bibliography for the Climate Finance Working Group provided by CDC Climat from here

Forests

nrg4SD Background and technical papers

- Work Programme of the Forest Policy Working Group
- Rough Guide - International Forest Policy
- nrg4SD Policy Paper - Sustainable Forest Management and Protection of the World's Forest

Biodiversity

nrg4SD background and technical papers

- Work Programme of the Biodiversity Policy Working Group

UN CBD materials

- Subnational governments, nrg4SD and its potential role in the UN CBD and other MEAs – a presentation to nrg4SD Steering Committee members in December 2010
- CBD COP 10 Decision X/22 on Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity
- Decisions adopted at COP10, October 2010, Nagoya

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