

Actions For Climate Change Through Global Sectoral Approaches

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EU Climate Policy

EU Domestic Commitments

- The EU energy and climate package sets out ambitious goals for the EU
 - 20% GHG target
 - 20% renewables target
 - 20% energy efficient target
- These autonomous goals will enable the EU to lead on both climate change mitigation while maintaining economic growth towards low carbon economy

International Dimensions

- The EU is willing to lead and create incentives for rest of the world to take action on climate change
- It firmly recognises that world wide business is part of the solution

Global sectoral agreements

- The Commission believes that there is a lot of promise in work being done on Global Sectoral Agreements, provided such agreements can deliver on 2 objectives
 - Demonstrate additionality in addressing climate change
 - Lead to a level playing field for sectors concerned
- It recognises that there are challenges
 - Engaging both governments and business in emerging economies
 - Developing, implementing and ensuring reliable monitoring and reporting mechanisms
 - Defining the role of public authorities

Role of Public Authorities

- Need to create confidence, through
 - Adding clarity to discussion, i.e. defining sectoral approaches
 - Ensuring effective monitoring and reporting
 - Aiming at ambitious benchmarks
 - Developing incentives for business to act
 - Providing consistency between global sectoral approaches and national or regional measures to mitigate climate change

Planed actions

- Sectoral Approaches are currently being discussed by HLG on Competitiveness, Energy and Environment
 - This will lead to recommendations for action
 - Followed up by HLG conference towards a low carbon economy
 - Commission will organise a side event at Bali on Sectoral Approaches
- Sustainable industrial policy- to be launched early next year
 - One of the goals- Development of *Global markets*: exploiting first mover advantages and levelling the playing field for industry worldwide
 - Planned project to progress sectoral approaches through pilot project(s) in particular addressing issues such as capacity building in emerging economies