

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee
March 8, 2022, 10:00am – 2:00pm EST
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The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened the fifth meeting under its 2020-2022 charter from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST on March 8, 2021 via Webex.

ETTAC Members Present

Mr. Jack Adams	Ms. Debra Johnson
Mr. Dean Amhaus	Ms. Vanessa Leiby
Mr. Jim Anderson	Mr. Carlos Lemos
Mr. Randy Baerg	Mr. Walt Marlowe
Mr. David Biderman	Ms. Clare Schulzki
Mr. Chuck Chaitovitz	Dr. Paula Stern
Mr. Bill Decker	Mr. Stephen Strachan
Mr. Amir Eftekhari	Mr. Bryan Stubbs
Mr. Tom Frankel	Mr. Kevin Summ
Mr. Dick Gust	Mr. Craig Updyke
Mr. Rick Hill	Mr. Joseph Vaglio
Ms. Tasha Jamaluddin	Mr. George Vorsheim

Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) Officials Present:

Anne Ahrendsen, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)
David Dennis, OEEI
Lina Scott, OEEI
Victoria Yue, OEEI
Man Cho, OEEI
Ryan Russell, Global Environmental Technologies Team Lead
Patrick Kirwan, Trade Policy Coordinating Committee
Danica Starks, Senior U.S. Commercial Liaison to the World Bank

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Samuel Browne, Department of Energy
Megan Barnhart, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Elise Owens, EPA
Cindy Newberg, EPA
Andrew David, International Trade Commission
Christine Brown, Small Business Association
Raffi Balian, State Department

Members of the Public Present:

Scott Seaman, International Business-Government Counsellors
Margaret Spiegelman, U.S. Inside Trade
Bennett Resnick, Venn Strategies

Welcome and Committee Business

ETTAC Chair Bill Decker called the meeting to order. DFO Victoria Yue took attendance and asked participants from ITA and the interagency to introduce themselves. The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on January 18 as written.

Chair Decker gave an overview of the timeline and expectations for the remainder of the ETTAC charter. There is no plan to resume in-person meetings at this time.

Interagency Presentation in Response to ETTAC Work

Cindy Newberg and Elise Owen from the Environmental Protection Agency provided updates on EPA's international work on hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and critical mineral content standards related to Executive Order 14017.

DFO Yue overviewed the upcoming executive-led Clean EDGE Trade Mission to Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. The mission will take place from June 6-14, 2021, with registration closing on April 1. This trade mission will be the first organized under the Clean EDGE Asia initiative. Launched in December 2021, Clean EDGE Asia aims to support and accelerate Asia's clean energy transition by harnessing the expertise and resources of the U.S. government, the private sector, international financial institutions, and like-minded governments.

Raffi Balian from the Department of State presented on the outcomes of the 5th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) Meeting, which recently concluded in Nairobi. He highlighted the resolution to *End Plastic Pollution* and outlined the next steps for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) that will be launched by this resolution to draft a legally binding agreement by 2024.

Discussion of World Bank Procurement Issues

Danica Starks presented on the World Bank's work related to pending ETTAC Recommendation 2021-08 on multilateral development bank (MDB) procurement barriers, requesting further recommendations on ways the World Bank can specifically improve its project cycle and procurement processes.

Overview of Build Back Better World

Danica Starks provided an overview of ITA's ongoing work related to the G7's Build Back Better World (B3W) strategic partnership. B3W will be led by major democracies to help meet the developing world's infrastructure needs in the 21st century, particularly new global infrastructure initiative focused on values-driven, high-standard, and transparent projects to help narrow the tremendous infrastructure gap in the developing world. Specifically, B3W will seek to mobilize private-sector capital in four areas—climate, global health, information and communications technology, and gender equity and equality, especially in the least developed countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

ETTAC Subcommittee Breakout Meetings

The committee then broke into smaller, one-hour meetings for the three subcommittees: Trade Policy and Export Competitiveness, Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Technologies, and Waste Management and Circular Economy.

Subcommittee Meeting Readouts & Discussion of Next Steps

Trade Policy and Export Competitiveness

The subcommittee reviewed and approved the draft recommendation on MDB procurement barriers. The subcommittee also discussed Buy America and global market disruptions.

Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Subcommittee

The subcommittee reviewed ongoing draft recommendations around the OECD's Climate Change Sector Understanding (CCSU) framework, making export resources more accessible for small- and medium-enterprises (SMEs), and global supply chains and clean energy transition metals.

Waste Management and Circular Economy

The subcommittee unanimously approved the draft recommendation on project finance and discussed an additional potential recommendation for future charters on wastewater treatment. The subcommittee additionally discussed last week's resolution in Nairobi and may consider an additional recommendation letter. The committee has requested that a representative from the Department of State brief the ETTAC meeting in May on outcomes and next steps from the Nairobi meeting.

Review of Potential Recommendations

The Trade Policy and Export Competitiveness Subcommittee presented one draft recommendation letter with the ETTAC. The committee voted to approve Recommendation 2021-08 on MBD procurement processes.

The Waste Management and Circular Economy Subcommittee presented one draft recommendation letter to the ETTAC. The committee voted to approve Recommendation 2021-09 on the project financing of environmental projects by USG agencies.

Next Steps

Subcommittees will convene ahead of the next ETTAC meeting.

Public Comment

No issues were raised for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Victoria Yue

Victoria Yue
Designated Federal Officer
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Decker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Decker
Chair
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee