

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee
May 17, 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm EST
Webex

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened the sixth meeting under its 2020-2022 charter from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST on May 17, 2021 via Webex.

ETTAC Members Present

Mr. Dean Amhaus	Mr. Carlos Lemos
Mr. Randy Baerg	Mr. Jim Matharu
Mr. David Biderman	Mr. Ashish Raval
Ms. Dana Blumberg	Dr. David Rigby
Mr. Chuck Chaitovitz	Ms. Clare Schulzki
Mr. Bill Decker	Dr. Paula Stern
Mr. Tom Frankel	Mr. Stephen Strachan
Ms. Anne Germain	Mr. Kevin Summ
Mr. Rick Hill	Ms. Pauli Undesser
Ms. Tasha Jamaluddin	Mr. Craig Updyke
Ms. Debra Johnson	Mr. George Vorsheim
Ms. Vanessa Leiby	Dr. Peter Zemek

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

Anne Ahrendsen, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)
Lina Scott, OEEI
Victoria Yue, OEEI
Ryan Russell, Global Environmental Technologies Team Lead

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Megan Barnhart, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Jennifer Powell, U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC)
Logan Norton, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)
Gillian Caldwell, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
Alex Lane, USAID

Welcome and Committee Business

ETTAC Chair Bill Decker called the meeting to order. DFO Victoria Yue took attendance. The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on March 8 as written.

DFO Yue gave an overview of the timeline and expectations for the remainder of the ETTAC charter and for the rechartering process. The final meeting of the 2020-2022 charter is expected to be held in-person on July 26 with a hybrid option in the Washington, D.C. area.

Overview of USAID Climate Strategy

Gillian Caldwell, Chief Climate Officer at USAID, presented on USAID’s Climate Strategy for 2022-2030: Guiding the “Decisive Decade” for Action. The presentation highlighted the Climate

Strategy Targets for the following categories: mitigation, natural and managed ecosystems, adaptation, finance, country support, and critical populations. All bureaus within USAID are expected to contribute to the Strategy. Ms. Caldwell also summarized the Strategic Framework, which consists of two Strategic Objectives (SOs). SO1 is to “Facilitate Targeted Direct Action” and SO2 is “Systems Change.” There is also one Special Objective, which is to “Do Our Part.”

Alex Lane from USAID also answered questions from the committee members.

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 two draft recommendations on Buy America and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Members also discussed follow-up questions to the Recommendation 2021-08 on Multilateral Development Bank (MBD) Procurement Barriers.

Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Subcommittee

The subcommittee reviewed and approved the two draft recommendations on the Supply Chain Discussions and Recommended Changes to the Ex-Im Lending Terms for Climate Change Sector Understanding (CCSU).

Waste Management and Circular Economy

The subcommittee did not have new recommendations to review, and the members thus attended other subcommittee meetings.

Review of Potential Recommendations

The Trade Policy and Export Competitiveness subcommittee presented two draft recommendations to the ETTAC. The committee voted to approve Recommendation 2021-10 on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and 2021-11 on Buy America Implications on Environmental Technology Sector and

The Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Subcommittee presented two draft recommendations. The committee voted to approve Recommendation 2021-12 on Environmental Technology, Goods and Services Industry Supply Chain Discussions. The ETTAC also voted to approve Recommendation 2021-13 on Recommended Changes to the Ex-Im Lending Terms for CCSU.

The committee also discussed the follow-up to the MBD Procurement letter, which does not involve another formal recommendation letter.

Next Steps

The final meeting of the 2020-2022 charter will be held on July 26. It is planned to be held in-person but with a hybrid option and in the Washington, D.C. area. The exact location is TBD.

Ahead of the meeting, DFO Yue will share an end-of-charter survey with the committee. No further subcommittee meetings will take place.

Public Comment

No issues were raised for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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

Victoria Yue
Designated Federal Officer
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

Bill Decker
Chair
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee