

Policy on IETA Delegate Participation at UN Meetings (Adopted by the IETA Council on 7 November 2018)

Introduction

IETA members play a valuable role at meetings of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as we have done since our founding in 1999.

IETA's diverse membership joins together in support of a clear [Mission](#), favouring business engagement in climate action consistent with the UNFCCC's objectives through effective market-based trading systems that are fair, open, efficient, accountable and consistent across national boundaries. We encourage our members to make public their emissions and plans for addressing climate change.

We are committed to serve as constructive observers of UN negotiations, honouring its guidelines for observers. The annual gathering of the global climate community at the UNFCCC "Conference of the Parties" (COP) presents an unparalleled opportunity to advance international cooperation on climate change, both at national, subnational and corporate levels. Fundamentally, we believe that our businesses should be part of the climate negotiations – because we intend to be part of the solution.

IETA Policy

The IETA Council adopted the following policy for those individuals attending COPs on IETA's delegation:

- IETA, its members and those attending COPs as members of its delegation support climate action under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement. We pledge to assist in their implementation and are particularly engaged with helping make the negotiations on Article 6 a success.
- At COPs, and at other UNFCCC meetings if relevant, we will make public IETA's Priorities for the negotiations, highlighting the policies that we believe will enable greater climate action and investment by business.
- We are clear in our support of effective market-based trading systems for greenhouse gas emissions. We make all of our position papers publicly available on our website as a matter of course.
- IETA delegates to COP and to other UNFCCC meetings will respect the UNFCCC's [Guidelines for the participation of representatives of non-governmental organisations at meetings](#) (October 2017).
- At COPs, we will disclose the names and affiliations of the members of our delegation. Our full membership is publicly available on our website.
- As in previous COPs, our side events will be open to any interested parties present, subject to space constraints. We will again partner and collaborate with other NGOs, negotiators and groups. We will endeavour to allow time for open, constructive discussion and dialogue in our events.

