

Workshop
Carbon pricing: latest developments on carbon taxes
Agenda

Friday March 11, 2016- Zurich, Switzerland

A number of PMR Countries are exploring, developing or implementing carbon taxes which are emerging as one of the key carbon pricing instruments being pursued to achieve climate goals. Building on previous PMR discussions, this workshop will provide an opportunity for Participants to discuss latest developments on carbon taxes around the world and to share lessons learned. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss the role carbon taxes can play in achieving Nationally Determined Contributions.

| Introductory Session | |
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| 9.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Venkata Putti, Climate and Carbon Finance Unit, World Bank</i> - Objectives of the event and brief presentation of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Adrien de Bassompierre, PMR Secretariat</i> |
| Session 1 – Carbon tax design and recent developments | |
| <p><i>This workshop is intended to build on the PMR's previous work on carbon tax design. The session will provide a summary of the key themes discussed previously and recent developments at the global level. Participants will also have an opportunity to provide input and feedback on the Design Guide for Carbon taxes that is under development.</i></p> | |
| 09:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic principles and design: a recap on previous PMR discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Pauline Kennedy, PMR Secretariat</i> - A Design Guide for Carbon taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Paul Keenlyside, Climate Focus</i> - Q&A |
| 10:30 | Coffee break |
| Session 2 – Carbon taxes in PMR Implementing Countries | |
| <p><i>Several of the PMR Implementing countries who are developing or implementing carbon taxes will provide an update on their progress and share lessons learnt.</i></p> | |
| 11:00 | <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from South Africa – <i>Mr. Cecil Morden, National Treasury, South Africa</i> - Update from Chile – <i>Mr. Francisco Pinto, Ministry of Environment, Chile</i> - Update from Mexico – <i>Mr. Carlos Muñoz Pina, Ministry of Finance, Mexico</i> - Update from India – <i>Ms. Shweta, Ministry of Finance, India</i> - Q&A |
| 13:00 | Lunch |

Session 3 - The role of carbon taxes in achieving Nationally Determined Contributions

This session will focus on the role that carbon taxes can play in achieving Nationally Determined Contributions. It provides an opportunity to discuss how the impacts of a carbon tax can be assessed and measured, any unique considerations when planning and tracking NDC implementation, and how policy can be adjusted overtime to align with any quantity based targets.

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| 14:30 | <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Charlotte Streck, Climate Focus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Panel discussion – assessing the contribution of a carbon tax to the Nationally Determined Contributions<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Kenneth Richards, Indiana University</i>- <i>Ms. Andrea Burkhardt, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland</i>- <i>Ms. Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Head of the Climate Action Secretariat, British Columbia</i>- Q&A and plenary discussion |
| Closing session | |
| 15:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Closing remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Philipp Ischer, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland</i>- <i>Mr. Adrien de Bassompierre, PMR Secretariat</i> |
| 16.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Close of workshop |