From Lima 2014 to Paris 2015

With closure of the Lima negotiations, governments have laid down the basis for developing a new climate agreement by the end of this year. The EU has jumped to the negotiations with a very ambitious emissions reduction target. In order to achieve comparable efforts, Paris must enable a global level playing-field, where all major economies commit to the measurement, monitoring, reporting, control and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. BUSINESSEUROPE will be closely following this process together with its international counterparts through the BizMef Forum. Indeed, as businesses will be instrumental to implement the new deal in Paris, throughout 2015 this page will host important examples of European companies’ efforts to tackle emissions and will provide regular updates of BUSINESSEUROPE strategy towards Paris.

Key dates towards COP21 in Paris

First stop before Paris: Geneva - Countries must do their homework on INDCs (16/02/2015)

Clear skies and fresh wind blowing from Mont Blanc set the tone for another round of negotiations at the Palais des Nations in Geneva where 196 parties convened to pave the way for a global deal at the end of the year in Paris. The aim of this session in Switzerland was to pick up from the Lima Call for Action and develop the text that will serve as a basis for the new international agreement. It also coincided with the first mandate of the newly elected chairs Ahmed Djoghlaf from Algeria and Daniel Reifsnyder from the USA, who wanted to open the negotiations with a renewed spirit. They did so by inviting parties to contribute to the text with their own proposals and avoid the criticism from developing countries who had previously claimed they were excluded from the process. As a result, the text quickly doubled in size with an explosion of additions coming from every direction. Some parties have made proposals knowing they may not get through to the final text but to serve as a leverage when negotiating on other fronts. The final text can be found here.

BUSINESSEUROPE will be following the process in the upcoming session in June when tough negotiations on the Geneva text will resume.

For BUSINESSEUROPE it is crucial that the parties do their homework and come forward with their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) as soon as possible in order to help provide predictability and enable longer-term planning and investment for business. Major economies governments in particular should present their INDCs in a transparent manner and be as clear and detailed as possible to allow businesses that are operating across the globe to be able to evaluate the impacts on their current and future operations and trade.

BUSINESSEUROPE would ask that INDCs include the following minimum information:

- quantifiable information on the reference point (including, as appropriate, a base year),
Lima brings some clarity, but hard work needed to make Paris a success (14/12/2014)

Nick Campbell was present in Lima and offered you here his views and impressions, directly from there.

Lima Climate talks finally reach a close (14/12/2014)

Stakes have been raised at COP20, Ministers have arrived, high-level segments have begun and the pressure is on now to start moving closer to something which can be agreed at Lima (10/12/2014)

One week gone, one to go!!! (06/12/2014)

After two days in Lima at COP 20, what is the status of the negotiations? (03/12/2014)

COP20 fast approaching, what should you look for in Lima? (27/11/2014)

BUSINESSEUROPE messages

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(14 December 2014) - iPAD-2014-01137-E.pdf (168 kB)
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EU business expects more clarity from COP20 in Lima - BUSINESSEUROPE press statement ahead of COP20

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