

Offsets or no Offsets, that's the question - *NGO Strategy Workshop*

Brussels, 22 July 2013, 10.00 – 17.00, Mundo B Fair Trade Room, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels

Background and Objectives

This year will set a couple of important milestones for the future of offsets: Many NGOs are calling for no more offsets in the 2030 climate and energy package. At international level, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is meeting in September to potentially agree on a global market based measure for aviation emissions that could be based on 100% offsetting.

At the same time, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and the Joint Implementation (JI) are undergoing reform at the UNFCCC. Facing the damaged reputation of the CDM, UNFCCC delegates have started informal discussions about possibly phasing out problematic project types, such as coal, from the CDM. COP-19 is also likely to propose pilot schemes for a global New Market Mechanism (NMM) and a Framework for Various Approaches (FVA) that could potentially allow easy international trade of allowances and offsets between different schemes, if adopted.



Against this political landscape combined with the lack of ambitious and binding commitments this strategy session has the following objectives:

- Providing an overview about the international carbon market debate ahead of COP-19
- Discussing the differences and rationale for offsets in the ICAO process
- Discussing the political and climate impact of quality restriction pre-2020
- Discussing the potentials for regulating emissions in sectors not covered in the EU ETS through the Effort Sharing Decision in the EU pre- and post-2020
- Setting the stage for NGOs to strategic positioning in the various work streams

We're looking forward to vivid discussions and joint advocacy actions that will ultimately lead to a more effective and fair climate policy! **Please register [here](#) until Friday 12 July 2013.**

Draft Agenda

09:30 – 10:00 Croissants & Coffee

Session 1: Global developments - UNFCCC

10:00 – 10:30 Introduction - global demand for offset credits & UNFCCC developments

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion: Strategy and priority advocacy objectives ahead of COP-19

11:00 – 11:30 Tea break

Session 2: Offset use in EU climate legislation

11:30 – 12:00 Developments around EU climate legislation on offsets

A closer look at the Effort Sharing Decision (ESD)

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion: Impact of quality restrictions in ESD and EU ETS pre-2020

12:30- 13:00 Discussion: No more offsets in a 2030 framework?

13:00 – 14:00 Sandwich lunch

Session 3: Turbulences ahead! Aviation Emissions ICAO

14:00 – 14:30 Background and introduction to ICAO process

14:30 – 15:00 Options on global Market Based Measures on the table

15:00 – 15:30 Discussion: Different approach for offsets for airlines?

15:30 – 16:00 Tea break

16:00 – 16:30 **Wrap-up** (UNFCCC, EU, ICAO)

16:30 – 17:30 Discussion and agreement on next steps