

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)

May 15, 2018; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

U.S. Department of Commerce

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened an in-person meeting at 8:30 a.m. EST on May 15, 2018 at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC.

ETTAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. David Biderman	Mr. Michael Goo	Ms. Ramola Musante
Mr. Philip Benson	Mr. Jeff Grove	Mr. Gabriel Restrepo
Dr. Rasto Brezny	Ms. Ebie Holst	Mr. Ron Swinko
Mr. Michael Corvese	Ms. Tasha Jamaluddin	Mr. Peter Tunnicliffe
Mr. William Decker	Mr. Nilaksh Kothari	Mr. Kurt Tyler
Ms. Anne Ellis	Mr. Alan Krause	Ms. Debra Waggoner
Dr. Aaron Fisher	Ms. Vanessa Leiby	
Dr. Ryan Godfrey	Mr. Anthony Licata	

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

Sarah Kemp, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade

Nazak Nikakhtar, Assistant Secretary for Industry & Analysis

Ian Steff, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing

Laura Krishnan, International Trade Specialist, Brazil Desk

Maria Cameron, Senior International Trade Specialist, Brazil Desk

Amy Kreps, Designated Federal Officer, ETTAC

Tracy Gerstle, Environmental Technologies Trade Specialist, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Craig O'Connor, Export-Import Bank

Maureen Hinman, U.S. Trade Representative

Glenn Harrington, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Keri Holland, U.S. Department of State

Mike Lurie, U.S. Department of State

Raffi Balian, U.S. Department of State

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome

DFO Kreps and Chairman Swinko briefly welcomed the Committee and provided an overview of the meeting agenda and expectations regarding the discussion with Commerce senior officials.

Presentation of ETTAC Recommendations

Michael Corvese presented the Committee's recommendations on trade promotion, including trade lead generation, dissemination, tracking and metrics. Debra Waggoner presented the Committee's recommendations related to trade policy and competitiveness, including on trade negotiations (NAFTA and the WTO Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA)), ITA's Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP) and export financing. Peter Tunnicliffe gave a presentation on the Committee's recommendations regarding Brazil. ADUS Kemp received the recommendations on behalf of Secretary Ross, and then she and Assistant Secretary Nikakhtar and Deputy Assistant Secretary Steff engaged in discussion and Q&A with the Committee.

ETTAC Subcommittee Breakout Meetings with ETWG Representatives

Subcommittees met with interagency representatives of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee's Environmental Trade Working Group (ETWG) to discuss the ETTAC's recommendations and the formulation of U.S. Government responses. The Professional Services and Infrastructure Advancement (PSIA) Subcommittee also discussed development of a new potential recommendation related to tied aid. DFO Kreps and Chair Swinko wrapped up with a discussion of next steps, including plans for a joint ETTAC-ETWG meeting on July 24 during which ETWG officials would formally address the Committee's recommendations.

Discussion of Committee Administration and Re-Chartering

DFO Kreps reviewed the re-chartering process and next steps regarding the nomination process for the 2018-2020 charter.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

Amy Kreps
Designated Federal Officer
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

Ron Swinko
Chair
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

These minutes will be formally considered by the Committee and any corrections or notations will be incorporated.