

The World Coal Association (WCA) welcomes the opportunity to provide views on approaches to enhance engagement with non-state actors to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement. This submission details the constructive role played by WCA at UNFCCC climate negotiations. The insights of this paper are submitted in support of a separate Major Economies Business Forum (BIZMEF) proposal that the WCA endorses.

The WCA is the only organisation that works on a global basis on behalf of the coal industry. We provide a voice for coal in international energy, environment and development forums. In addition to UNFCCC processes, the WCA participates in a number of international energy and environment forums, including the UN Economic and Social Council, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the UN Climate Technology Centre and Network. Through participation in these international initiatives, the WCA works to demonstrate and gain acceptance for the fundamental role coal plays in achieving a sustainable and lower carbon energy future.

The WCA attends UNFCCC negotiating sessions as an observer through accredited non-government observer organisations and participation through the Business and Industry (BINGO) constituency group. Association with these accredited observer groups provides the WCA with a number of important opportunities to contribute to the discussions. This may include developing submissions in response to requests from Parties, distributing reports hosting side-events and making interventions in negotiating sessions through the BINGO constituency group.

Our primary goal in these negotiations is to promote the access to, and deployment of, the full range of low carbon technologies. As the Paris Agreement is formally adopted, it is vitally important that its implementation integrates environmental imperatives with the aims of universal access to energy, energy security and social and economic development. For this reason 24 countries representing over half of global emissions submitted Nationally Determined Contributions identified a role for cleaner coal technologies.

Enhanced institutional frameworks, technology sharing and innovative funding mechanisms will be required for greater uptake of low carbon technologies. In order to support the use of cleaner coal –fuelled power generation, the WCA has developed the ‘Platform or Accelerating Coal Efficiency’ (PACE). PACE aims to mobilise policy, financial and technological support for a transition away from older, less efficient subcritical coal in favour of high efficiency low emission (HELE) technologies. HELE technology is available ‘off the shelf’ and emits 25-33% less carbon compared to subcritical facilities. We are working with several partners to support PACE implementation, including co-hosting a workshop with the

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Indonesian Government in late-2016. Involvement in the UNFCCC dialogue improves understanding of HELE technologies among Parties, as well as enhancing opportunities for partnerships in order to deliver practical pathways to drive coal efficiency and reduce emissions.

The WCA supports the consensus that deployment of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology will be critical to meet carbon reduction objectives. As demonstrated by other low-carbon technologies, successful deployment of CCS cannot happen in a vacuum, and will depend on the existence and strengthening of infrastructure, local conditions and the engagement of public and private partnerships. As one of the most important CCS stakeholders, it is especially important the WCA participates in UNFCCC processes on technology to ensure opportunities for knowledge sharing and the pooling of resources. The coal sector has been a leader in driving CCS technology; however, more action is required. As an industry, we stand ready to work in partnership to promote greater CCS deployment with WCA participation in UNFCCC processes a key avenue to further this agenda.

As it was in development, the active involvement of non-state actors will be an important requirement for successful implementation of the Paris Agreement. As the guarantor of global energy security, it is particularly important that the coal sector is engaged. I look forward to seeing further development in this direction as consultation on the Review progresses. The WCA fully supports the proposals detailed separately within the submission by BIZMEF.

Please do not hesitate to contact the WCA if you require clarification or I may be of further assistance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Sporton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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