Main Achievements 2016

The Commission concluded its strategic review and new plan till 2020

After a one year exchange and consultation, the Commission agreed on its new strategic plan and identified main work areas (climate change, energy, green economy, environment) till 2020. These work areas will be further specified in the coming months.

Enlarged geographical representation in the Commission membership

The Commission has continued to strengthen and extend its geographical and cross-sectorial representation, including this year in France, Morocco, Panama, Switzerland. In the last five, the Commission also organized policy and outreach activities amongst others in: Brazil, Chile, Kenya, Mexico, Qatar, South Africa, UAE, United States, several European countries. The Commission consists of 340 members from 75 countries across a wide range of sectors.

Built and strengthened strategic partnerships to leverage value add of ICC

- **Main intergovernmental partners 2016**: UNFCCC, UNE, World Bank, ECLAC
- **Main strategic partners 2016**: BDI, CPI, World Energy Council
- **ICC official intergovernmental roles**:
  - Business and Industry Focal Point to the UNFCCC
  - Official observer to the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and member of the newly created Stakeholder Advisory Network (SAN).
  - Steering Committee member at the UN International Resource Panel
  - Observer to the Green Climate Fund
- **Other**: Founding member of the Business & Climate Summit (BCS) launched in 2015, and General Secretary of the newly created BCS Association.

Further promoted ICC's Business Charter for Sustainable Development

The third edition of the Business Charter launched in 2015 aims to be a common and accessible starting point for companies of all sizes and regions to manage their economic, societal, and environmental considerations in their operations (risks and opportunities). The Charter has also been designed to assist companies to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals’ (SDGs) implementation in a practical way by linking the Charter’s principles to the SDGs.

ICC continued the promotion of the Charter in 2016 in France, Panama, and Switzerland. The Charter is available in English and Spanish, and soon in Portuguese.

ICC climate policy highlights

- **Carbon Pricing Principles**
  ICC highlights eight basic principles and recommendations that should be taken into account by governments and policy makers if they decide on carbon pricing instruments.
- **Business View on Market Mechanisms - Article 6 (1) – (7) of the Paris Agreement**
  With only few years left until the first period of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are to be implemented, ICC has outlined six recommendations for the implementation of market mechanisms in order to maximize business involvement and attract investment.
- **Role of carbon and long-term mitigation strategies beyond 2050 through CCU and C³**
  Not all greenhouse gas emissions can be avoided by a fuel switch. An alternative mitigation strategy is carbon capture and use (CCU) embedded in a circular economy.

Joint Informal Working Group on Trade and Climate Change

A cross-disciplinary working group was created to develop an issues paper on the interconnection of climate change and trade.
ICC at COP22 - a two-folded engagement (7-18 November)

COP 22 was once again characterized by strong business engagement both inside and around the meetings. As has been the case for several years, ICC had a strong presence towards and at the COP. ICC (co-)hosted seven well-received events and four press conferences in Marrakech to advocate ICC’s policy priorities. This culminated in the official Business and Industry (BINGO) Day coordinated by ICC as global business focal point to the UNFCCC. Furthermore, as the global business and industry focal point to the UNFCCC process and COP22, ICC played a leading role throughout the two weeks conference in Marrakech coordinating business on the ground and demonstrating the vital role of business, including daily business briefings, meetings with governments, statement coordination, and placement of business speakers. COP22 brought together in total around 50,000 participants, including 15,800 government officials, 1,200 journalists, and thousands of private sector delegates.

We thank our COP22 partners: Bosch, Standards & Poor, ICCA, 3M,


The 120-strong gathering brought together scientists, industry-leaders and policy-makers to discuss the economic potential of resource efficiency, as well as its role in limiting global warming and putting the world on a more sustainable development path. The Dialogue was organized by the International Resource Panel, UN Environment and the International Chamber of Commerce, and was hosted by the French Ministry of the Environment, Energy and the Sea, and the French Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Académie Diplomatique Internationale. ICC is a Steering Committee member of the UN International Resource Panel.

Business & Climate Summit 2016 (28-29 June)

The Business & Climate Summit 2016 welcomed over 500 leading businesses, investors, policy makers and NGO’s from around the world, gathered to demonstrate opportunities for business growth, whilst calling for accelerated, bold and swift collective action. The 2017 Business & Climate Summit will take place 31 August - 1 September in New Delhi, India, hosted by FICCI.

Looking ahead - 2017

ICC will stay strongly engaged to develop and advocate its position on climate change, energy, environment, and green economy in 2017.

ICC will also continue to play a leading role in ensuring business input, influence, and role, including to the:

- UNFCCC process and the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- Climate Investment Funds & Green Climate Fund
- UN International Resource Panel & UN Environment
- B20 Energy, Climate Change and Resource Efficiency working group

2017 Commission meetings:

- 22 - 23 March (Berlin, Germany)
- 29 - 30 August (New Delhi, India)