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A joint conference on

**Increasing the Momentum of Fossil-Fuel Subsidy Reform:
Developments and Opportunities**

14-15 October 2010

Conference Room 2, World Trade Organization,
Centre William Rappard, Rue de Lausanne 154, Geneva

Day 1: Thursday 14th October 2010

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 – 10:45 Welcome and opening remarks

- Pascal Lamy, Director-General, WTO
- Mark Halle, Executive Director, IISD-Europe
- Steven Stone, Chief Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP

10:45 – 13:00 Scale and impacts of fossil-fuel subsidies

Session 1 will discuss the latest research and analysis on the scale and impacts of fossil-fuel subsidies for both consumers and producers. It will also consider some of the challenges to identifying and calculating subsidies, collecting data and improving transparency.

Chair: Franz Tattenbach, President, IISD

10:45 – 11:45 Consumer subsidies

Speakers:

- Peter Wooders, Global Subsidies Initiative, IISD
- Anthony Cox, Environment Directorate, OECD
- Joerg Spitzzy, Research Division, OPEC

[10 minutes each; 30 minutes discussion]

11:45 – 13:00 Producer subsidies

Speakers:

- Doug Koplow, Earth Track, US
- Ronald Steenblik, Trade & Agriculture Directorate, OECD
- David Braithwaite, PT. Q Energy South East Asia, Indonesia

[10 minutes each; 45 minutes discussion]

Note: Simultaneous interpretation of all the sessions will be provided in the WTO's three official languages — English, French and Spanish.

13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch (provided)*

15:00 – 16:15 *International political developments*

Session 2 will give an update on the recent political developments kick-started by the G-20 commitment to phase out inefficient fossil-fuel subsidies. The discussions will include what actions forums like the G-20 and the “Friends” group can take next to progress subsidy reform.

Chair: Jenilee Guebert, G-20 Research Group, University of Toronto

Speakers:

- Maria Victoria Lottici, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Culture, Argentina
- Mr. Askolani, Director of Centre for State Budget Policy, Indonesia
- Vangelis Vitalis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand
- Steve Kretzman, Oil Change International, US

[10 minutes each; 35 minutes discussion]

16:15 – 18:00 *Political Economy of subsidy reform*

Session 3 will start to look at some of the key challenges to subsidy reform, particularly domestic political and public opposition, and will discuss options for overcoming these challenges.

Chair: Jörg Frieden, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Speakers:

- Kerry Lang, Global Subsidies Initiative, IISD
- Oscar Vela, Ministry of Finance, Mexico
- Armin Wagner, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- Bhamy Shenoy, Mysore Consumer Council, India
- Bassam Fattouh, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

[10 minutes each; 55 minutes discussion]

18:00 – 19:00 *Reception*

20:00 – *Dinner for conference speakers at La Brasserie des Halles de l’Île (by invitation only)*

Day 2: Friday 15th October 2010

09:30 – 10:00 Coffee

10:00 – 11:30 Developing effective reform strategies

Session 4 will continue to discuss options for overcoming obstacles to reform, and will cover different elements of designing and implementing effective subsidy reform strategies.

Chair: Debapriya Bhattacharya, Former Ambassador of Bangladesh to WTO and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka

Speakers:

- Mats Hellström, Former Governor of Stockholm and Former Minister, Sweden
- Ruslan Yemtsov, Social Safety Nets Team, World Bank
- Jacqueline Cottrell, Green Budget Europe
- Ahmed Ragab, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

[10 minutes each; 50 minutes discussion]

11:30 – 12:45 Opportunities for international collaboration

Session 5 will focus on identifying opportunities for future international collaboration to support national subsidy reform efforts, including a presentation of GSI's 'Roadmap'.

Chair: Ben Simmons, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP

Speakers:

- Dr. Phyllis Yoshida, APEC Energy Working Group, US
- Patrick Low, Head of Economics and Research Division, WTO
- Jack Thurston, EU Transparency
- Peter Wooders, Global Subsidies Initiative, IISD

[10 minutes each; 35 minutes discussion]

12:45 – 13:00 Summary and closing

- Mark Halle, Executive Director, IISD-Europe
- Steven Stone, Chief Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP

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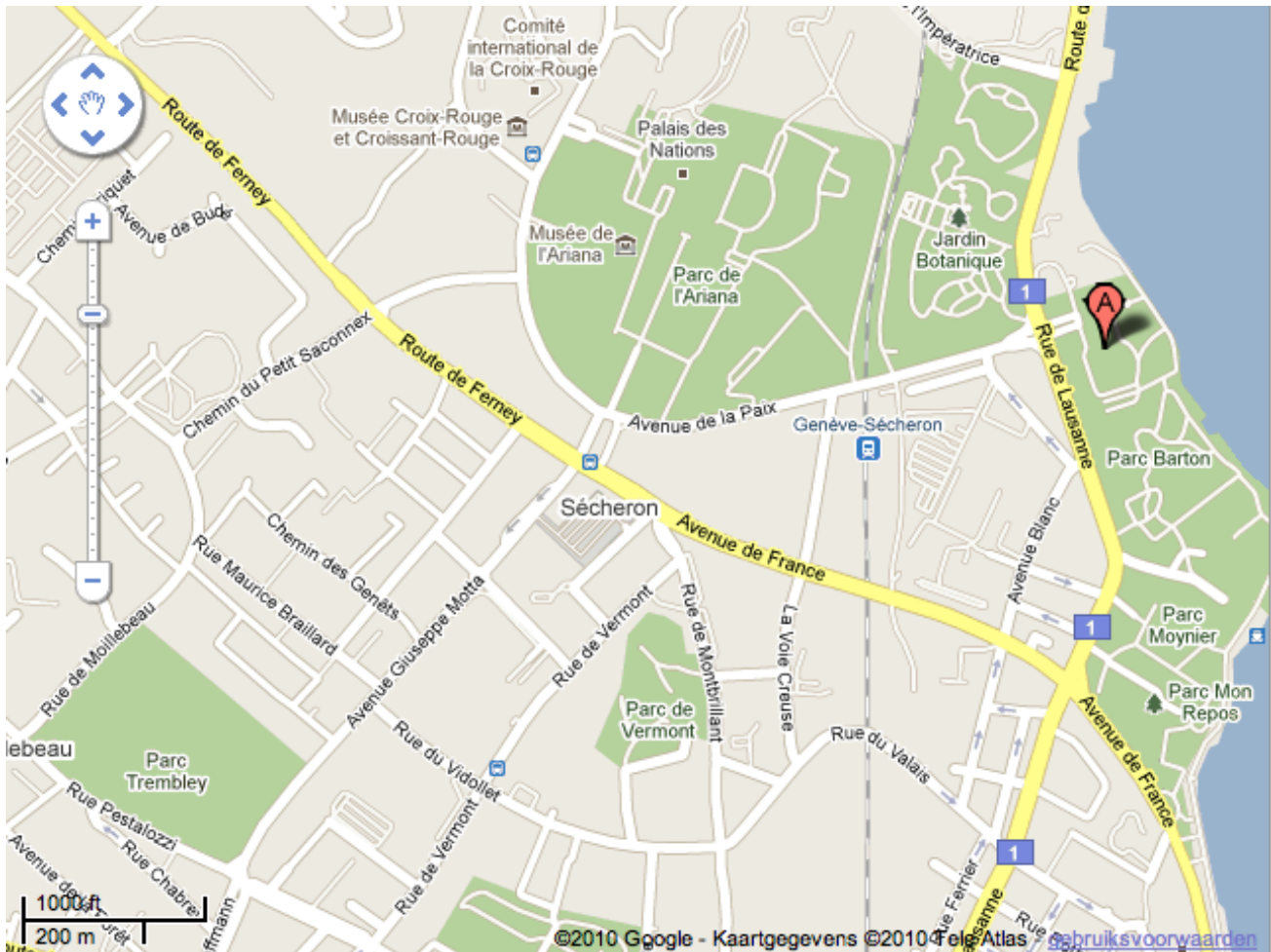
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