

ICCA Perspective on COP 22

ICCA (International Council of Chemical Associations), which represents the global chemical industry's views in international fora, applauds the crossing of the key threshold for entry into force of the Paris Climate Agreement. Looking ahead to the UN climate meeting in Marrakesh, ICCA calls on UN member governments to work with the industry in implementing this significant agreement.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Climate change is a global problem – a problem whose solution requires the participation of every country, company and individual. In order to be effective, solutions to climate change must take into account the needs of all stakeholders, including the development of incentives that encourage the participation of all major emitting countries.
- As world leaders convene during COP-22 to consider how best to reinforce global political will to address the climate challenge and operationalize the Paris Agreement to reduce global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, we call on governments to ensure that a broad set of stakeholders (industry, NGOs, etc.) are part of those discussions.
- ICCA, and the broader business community, are committed to sharing our insights, experiences and expertise to promote efficient, effective and practical ways to mitigate and adapt to climate change. To do this most effectively, the Parties to the Paris Agreement should establish a more effective channel to engage representative business input.
- The chemical industry has a unique role in climate change, both as an energy consumer and as a supplier of practical solutions that save energy and mitigate climate change effects. Simply put, the chemical industry uses energy to make products that enable the rest of society to save much more energy than we consume. Globally, the chemical industry is quite diverse producing a great number of different substances in numerous products that are essential to our daily lives and contribute to improving energy efficiency and reducing GHG emissions.
- As policymakers around the world consider specific actions needed to mitigate climate change, particularly through reducing GHG emissions over the coming decades, the chemical industry is enabling greater carbon efficiency throughout the economy with the use of our products. It is important for the international community to reap and expand the chemical sciences potential by bridging the gap between a product idea and development of product solutions.

The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) is the world-wide voice of the chemical industry, representing chemical manufacturers and producers all over the world. ICCA represents a chemical industry sector with 2014 turnover of more than 3,600 billion euros, providing employment for more than 25 million people. ICCA members (incl. observers & Responsible Care members) account for more than 90 percent of global chemical sales. ICCA promotes and co-ordinates Responsible Care® and other voluntary chemical industry initiatives. ICCA has a central role in the exchange of information within the international industry, and in the development of position statements on matters of policy. It is also the main channel of communication between the industry and various international organizations that are concerned with health, environment and trade-related issues, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD).

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