



FONDATION POUR LES ÉTUDES ET RECHERCHES
SUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT INTERNATIONAL

Revising the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement Architecture for Better Governance and Outcomes

Session 4403

UNESCO, BONVIN, Room XIII

July 10, 14:00-15:30

Introductory Presentation

Jaime de Melo

The Rise of Clubs

- UN universal forum is needed for legitimacy but consensus to make decisions in UNFCCC is costly.
- Increasing awareness that more immediate gains will come from small fora (« clubs » at sub-national, national, regional levels).
- This session is about a « building blocks strategy » that extends beyond the UNFCCC process.
- Complementary transnational strategies to « fill the gap» left by the multilateral process (small groups; plurilateral—C40, CCAC, REDD+, EGA—see below).
- Goal for COP21: Agree to « an umbrella agreement of agreements » to encourage multiple smaller club-like initiatives (recall debate: are RTAs BB or SB for WTS...)

Experimental Governance (XG)

- Bottom-up Pledge and Review approach to build a new climate architecture offers possibility for experimentation and momentum building
- XG can help overcome complexity-driven gridlock --- akin to impact evaluation analysis.
- XG deals with political fragmentation and cognitive uncertainty surrounding climate challenge.
- Large problems are broken up into small units where regulator and regulated learn how to tackle problem under uncertainty.
- Several examples in this session (and one below).

The EGA negotiations: a barometer for COP21

Three requirements not fulfilled by KP:

- Obtain full participation (KP was « deep and shallow »).
- Parties to Agreement need to comply to their pledges (MRV)
- Incorporate obligations that demand that countries change their behavior substantially.

Will EGA negotiations fulfill these 3 requirements?

- Turkey and Iceland joined so negotiated reductions more likely to be extended to all WTO members.
- MFN +NT+DSP of WTO is MRV. It implies pledges will be fulfilled
- But will countries undertake obligations that substantially change their behavior? List of goods to be extended beyond APEC (54) list but very little on the table and no extension to NTBs or to Environmental Services

Further Reading

Barrett, Scott ,Carlo Carraro, Jaime de Melo (eds.) (forthcoming) *Towards a Workable and Effective Climate Regime* (CEPR and FERDI) [Table of Contents and abstracts](#)

Fischer, C. « Options for Avoiding Carbon Leakage », in Barrett et al. forthcoming

Keohane, Robert and David Victor, « After the Failure of Top-down Mandates: The Role of Experimental Governance » in Barrett et al. forthcoming

Melo, Jaime de, and Mariana Vijil (forthcoming) «The Critical Mass Approach to Achieve a Deal on Green Goods and Services: What is on the Table? How Much to Expect?", FERDI WP#107 <http://www.ferdi.fr/fr/publication/p107-critical-mass-approach-achieve-deal-green>

Stewart, Richard B. , Michael Oppenheimer and Bryce Rudyk “A Building Blocks Strategy for Global Climate Change” in Barrett et al. forthcoming