International Workshop on G20 Subsidies and Public Finance for Fossil Fuels

AGENDA

Thursday April 18th (afternoon) and Friday April 19th (all day)
(Tokyo, Japan - and by video conference link, https://zoom.us/j/738973516)

Objectives:
● Share information on progress made and remaining challenges around ending fossil fuel subsidies and finance at the international level and in G20 countries
● Discuss strategies for increasing commitments and implementation of ending fossil fuel subsidies and finance at the international and national levels
● Building on the regional focus of the Argentina workshop last year, share knowledge and understanding of fossil fuel subsidies and finance in Japan and regionally in Asia

DAY 1: Thursday April 18, 12:00 - 18:00; Dinner for participants to follow close of session

12:00 - 13:30: Welcome and introductions (over lunch)
● Facilitators: Shelagh Whitley, ODI and Elizabeth Bast, OCI
● Round of introductions
● Intro to and objectives of the meeting

13:30 - 14:30: Setting the stage on G20 fossil fuel subsidies and finance, specifically in Japan and Asia
● Facilitator: Chris Beaton, GSI
● Presentation on scale of G20 subsidies and finance, focusing in on data from
  ○ Japan: Akihisa Kuriyama, IGES
  ○ Korea: Joojin Kim, Solutions For Our Climate
  ○ India: Vibhuti Garg, GSI
  ○ Indonesia: Lucky Lontoh, GSI
  ○ China: Ren Peng, GEI

14:30 - 15:00: Coffee Break

15:00 - 16:15: Tracking progress on fossil fuel subsidies: international coordination and institutions
(external speakers from Asia or Europe/Africa - 15:00 Tokyo = 8:00 Brussels same day)
● Facilitator: Shelagh Whitley, ODI
● Kurt Van Dender, OECD: Cooperation across institutions on data and transparency
● Tatiana Falcao, UNEP: Sustainable Development Goal indicator on fossil fuel subsidies
● Laurie van der Burg, Milieudefensie (FoE Netherlands): progress and challenges on fossil fuel subsidy reporting and phase out within the EU Energy Union framework
● Q&A

16:15 - 17:30: Tracking progress on public finance for fossil fuels: bilateral and multilateral finance institutions
(external speakers from Asia or Europe/Africa - 16:15 Tokyo = 9:15 Brussels same day)
● Facilitator: Elizabeth Bast, OCI
● James Close, former Director of Climate Change, World Bank: World Bank Group's commitment to end finance for upstream oil and gas
● Leo Roberts, ODI: Alignment of public finance with the aims of the Paris Agreement
● Sophie Bartosch, Germanwatch: Tools of alignment with 1.5°C compatible pathways and windows of opportunity to implement them
● Q&A

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DAY 2: Friday April 19, 9:30 - 17:00

9:30 - 11:00: Country partners and lessons learned from subsidies and finance wins - discuss briefly what did on research, advocacy, campaigning and comms
(speakers from N. + S. America, 9:30 am Tokyo = 8:30 pm Eastern US, 5:30 pm Pacific US on Thursday)

- Facilitator: Shelagh Whitley, ODI
- Canada: Cat Abreu, CAN Canada (calling in)
- US: Pete Erickson, SEI (calling in)
- Argentina: Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis, FARN
- UK: Adam McGibbon, Global Witness
- Italy: Edoardo Zanchini, Legambiente
- India: Srinivas Krishnaswamy, Vasudha Foundation; and Vibhuti Garg, GSI
- Indonesia: Fabby Tumiwa, IESR; and Lucky Lontoh, GSI
- Korea: Joojin Kim, SFOC
- China: Han Chen, NRDC
- Japan: Yuki Tanabe, JACSES
- South Africa: Jesse Burton, ERC, UCT
- Q&A

11:00 – 11:15 - Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30: Open discussion - additional lessons learned from in-country experiences

- Facilitator: Susanne Wong, OCI
- Other participants and additional G20 country reps to discuss what they think is possible and relevant in their country – including opportunities to develop local consortiums
- Discuss key approaches (and how to link them) - research and analysis, insider and outsider advocacy, and campaigning and communications

12:30 - 13:30 - Lunch

13:30 - 14:30: Venue and timeline sessions: Strategies and activities for G20 (Japan), G7 (France), UNFCCC (Article 2.1c), UN SDGs (Goal 12), UNSG Summit, other international events (break out groups)

- Focus on fiscal support subsidies (Suggested facilitators: IGES, CTI, ODI, GSI)
- Focus on public finance (Suggested facilitators: JACSES, NRDC, OCI, E3G)

14:30 – 14:45 - Coffee Break

14:45 - 15:45: Strategy and messaging sessions (break out groups)

- Collaboration and strategies on subsidies and public finance in Asia, focused on communities and local fights on projects and infrastructure (Suggested facilitators: FOE Japan, Vasudha, GSI)
- Internationally relevant messages on fossil fuel subsidies and finance and linkages to related initiatives (just transition, private investment, stranded assets, capacity mechanisms) (Suggested facilitators: GSCC, CAN, OCI)

15:45 - 17:00: Report backs from break out groups, next steps

- Facilitators: Elizabeth Bast, OCI and Shelagh Whitley, ODI

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