Domestic Business Engagement: Business Consultation in Development of Initial INDC in France

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MEDEF and the French energy system

- MEDEF is the leading network of entrepreneurs in France with 750,000 members, 90% of whom are SMEs with less than 50 employees. MEDEF members are sectoral federations and regional/local branches.
- We interact with decision-makers at local, national, EU and international level.

- The French economy relies on several historical energy assets:
  - Infrastructure investments allowing a high level of security of supply.
  - A remarkable performance in terms of CO2: 1% of global emissions.
  - Relatively low electricity prices but this trend has evolved recently for energy-intensive industries.
  - A know-how and expertise in the energy field:
    - energy production and networks,
    - energy efficiency,
    - products and services in industry, buildings, transport...
The contribution of France to the EU INDC

At a EU level, France has contributed to the EU INDC in the EU Energy and climate policy framework for 2030.

MEDEF, together with BUSINESSEUROPE, has pushed for:

- a simplification of targets (CO2 vs. EE, renewables...)
- confirming the central role of the ETS as a cost-effective instrument
- giving more importance to level playing field
MEDEF’s involvement in the French environmental debate

- *Grenelle de l’environnement* from 2007 to 2011
- *Conférence environnementale* each year since 2012
- National Debate on the Energy Transition from September 2012 to early 2014
- COP 21 in 2015
- National Council for the Ecological Transition (CNTE) with 6 groups of stakeholders:
  1. Government
  2. Local authorities
  3. Environmental NGOs
  4. Non-environmental NGOs: consumers...
  5. Trade unions
  6. Business
- Issue of *representativeness*
- Priorities of MEDEF: energy costs, cost-efficient CO2 reduction, technological developments, impact of energy transition scenarios
Energy transition Law : main positive aspects

• A clear and predictable low-carbon strategy
• A pragmatic multi-energy Public Investment Plan (Programmation Pluriannuelle de l’Energie)
• Energy transition relying on all activities, not just « green » sectors
• Recognition of active and passive energy efficiency
• Industrial competitiveness recognized among objectives
• Measures to improve the situation of electro- and gaso-intensive industries
• Reform of feed-in tariffs to ensure cost-competitiveness of renewables
COP 21 /MEDEF action to promote the role of business

• MEDEF priority for COP 21 was to demonstrate the central role of business in response to climate change.
• Leading or supporting several initiatives:
  – First edition of the Business Dialogue by the French Government
  – First edition of the Business and Climate Summit in Paris
  – First edition of the High-Level Summit on Energy and Climate change at MEDEF offices with 25 business associations
  – French Business Climate Pledge with 39 large companies
  – LPAA, NAZCA, Solutions Agenda: interaction with COP 21 French team

➢ Priority is now to continue this momentum in the perspective of COP 22
➢ It is our common responsibility to make upcoming COPs even more « business-oriented »!