

E.ON calls on the International Community gathering in Durban to strengthen the process to fight Climate Change.

As one of the world's largest private electricity, gas and heat suppliers E.ON is strongly committed to protect the environment and to actively contribute to the tackling of climate change.

E.ON's Cleaner & Better Energy" strategy will systematically improve the efficiency and carbon intensity of our power generation portfolio and will enable the delivery of further energy-efficient products and services to our customers.

Although the German nuclear phase out program makes it challenging to achieve our ambitious carbon reductions targets in Europe, E.ON will strive for significant carbon reduction by 2020. We will do this by doubling our renewables capacity in the next decade to more than 20% and by investing in highly-efficient new fossil plants. These two commitments also support the delivery of key EU climate objectives. In addition E.ON will invest in renewables and conventional power generation assets outside of Europe. Here we will only deploy highly efficient technology, which is at least as efficient as the best available technology in these markets, thus reducing the CO₂ intensity in every market where E.ON operates.

E.ON is concerned that under the current economic conditions, international climate change decision may be driven by national economic interests. The climate change issue is international by nature and we call on all governments to maintain an international perspective in addressing solutions and measures to limit global warming.

Low carbon economies will be based on efficient power production. With energy efficiency becoming more relevant total power consumption will increase as power is the modernisation energy in industry, domestic and transport sector. E.ON believes that decarbonisation of the Europe's power sector is essential to reach the politically agreed reduction target in 2050. We view this both as a challenge and an opportunity to modernize the energy structure in a sustainable way.

E.ON welcomes the constructive discussions between Parties about the greater involvement of observers in the UNFCCC process and believes that business, and in particular the power sector, can contribute significantly to the implementation of the Technology Mechanism.

To ensure a sustainable CO₂ reduction path for 2050, the success of any international concerted effort needs to consider the following:

- A global price setting mechanism is required, preferably through a single global carbon market; or alternatively by linking reliable regional carbon markets, including cooperative sectoral approaches to allow emission reduction across sectors and countries.
- Climate issues in the energy sector can only be considered alongside a balanced consideration of security of supply and affordability of energy for consumers and society as a whole.
- Business needs an enabling framework and a level playing field to successfully tackle climate change whilst adding value to society. Therefore we strongly support an economically and ecologically sustainable reduction path over well defined milestones up to 2050.