



AGENDA
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2 February – George Marshall Room

19:30 Aperitif

20:00 Dinner, followed by keynote speech

3 February – Room C

9:00 - Plenary*

13:00

* At the Chair's discretion, there will be a brief coffee break.

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The fight against climate change requires stepping up efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In today's globalised economy, domestic policies that countries will implement to meet their climate goals will spill over international markets. While these spill-overs may have positive effects (enhanced competition, broader markets and lower costs of emission reductions), they can also result in incoherent market signals or undermine the effectiveness of domestic emission goals. While a UNFCCC agreement will be crucial in aligning broad expectations among policymakers and the private sector on the future direction of climate policy, there may be value in collaboration on domestic policies and measures, ranging from transparency on domestic actions, to the coordinated adoption of different nationally-determined policies or standards, to fully coordinated policy efforts in specific areas.

Round Table participants are asked to consider the following questions:

1. How serious are the international spill-overs in the markets affected by domestic climate policies? What practical concerns do they raise among policymakers and private sector stakeholders?
2. In what policy areas or sectors could transparency and potentially cooperation be most beneficial?
3. What would be the general conditions for a fruitful public-private effort in R&D on breakthrough low-carbon technologies?
4. An effective response to climate change will come through policy-driven markets, with an essential role for the private sector. How to structure possible discussions between policymakers and the private sector internationally?