Engagement and Updates

On August 14, U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Vice President of Global Initiatives Gary Litman discussed business advocacy for resource sustainability at the Idaho National Laboratory. The panel addressed the coordination of policy inputs on sustainability between scientific and corporate communities.

On August 24, the G7 Summit took place in Biarritz, France with G7 leaders and EU representatives. The Summit highlighted the challenge of biodiversity impact, nuclear safety and cooperation on fighting environmental crime.

On September 19, Brazilian Minister of Environment Ricardo Salles joined our members for a discussion on Brazil’s environmental framework and opportunities for international collaboration. He invited the Chamber to lead a policy dialogue on bioeconomy in the Amazon region.

On September 20, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers met in Japan and released a declaration on shaping a human-centered future of work.

On October 8, members of the Global Resource Efficiency Task Force participated in the G20 Resource Efficiency Alliance meeting in Tokyo, Japan. This platform promotes cooperation and dialogue between G20 members on resource efficiency and marine plastic litter following the
G20 Osaka Summit held in June 2019. Topics of discussion included policy options and good practices for resource efficiency, considering the entire life cycle of natural resources, products, and infrastructure. The G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue (hereinafter “the G20 RE Dialogue”) released this Roadmap to promote its activities more effectively.


On October 28, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Global Resource Sustainability Task Force convened a closed-door discussion with Jane Nishida, Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of International Affairs and environmentally focused officials from G20 countries.

**Upcoming Opportunities**

On November 11, the Chamber will launch the International Dialogue on Sustainable Resources in Brasilia. This conference, in partnership with the Government of Brazil, World Bank, B20, IDB Invest and Natural Capital Coalition, will convene business leaders, policy-makers, international organizations, and experts to discuss approaches to greater resource efficiency and sustainable economic development.

On November 18-19, the French Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the EU Commission will host the G7 Resource Efficiency Alliance on value retention policies. This policy workshop will address product lifetime extension and value retention in textiles and small high-value electronics.

On December 1, Saudi Arabia will assume the G20 presidency. The initial meetings in December 2019 will cover finance priorities, education, and various aspects of the energy market. The website for B20Saudi 2020 has recently launched and is available here.

On February 3-4 2020, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will host the B7 Summit in Washington D.C as chair of the B7 in 2020.