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Mr. Miguel Arias Cañete
Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
European Commission
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CARBON EXPO 2015 (May 26-28, 2014) - Barcelona, Spain

Dear Mr. Cañete,

On behalf of the CARBON EXPO 2015 partners – The International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), The World Bank Group, and FIRA Barcelona – we are delighted to invite you to participate in the 12th edition of the annual Carbon Expo Global Trade Fair & Conference that will take place from May 26-28 in Barcelona, Spain. Scheduled only six months prior to the COP 21 in Paris, Carbon Expo this year aspires to be the most prominent public and private sector gathering tailored to discuss the urgent needs of the international community leading up to the climate negotiations. With 2015 being a cornerstone year for the climate change process, it is also a time to review the policies and market instruments that have been used to mitigate climate change.

In parallel to the international process, the enriched Carbon Expo agenda this year will focus on emerging priorities in a post-2015 climate landscape and on new instruments designed to catalyze climate finance, featuring 8 high level plenaries across 3 overarching themes: Climate Finance, Emissions Markets and Climate Technologies. The complete Carbon Expo conference program will be made available in the coming weeks.

To that end, we would like to hereby invite you as a keynote speaker on Wednesday, May 27 in the plenary session on *Expanded International Carbon Markets in the post-Paris Era*, alongside fellow private sector leaders and climate policy experts.

Complementary to the main conference program and beyond the scientific and policy discussions, the Carbon Expo Global Trade Fair will aim to feature more than 200 exhibitors from 100+ countries in a state-of-the-art display of the latest climate-friendly products, services and investment opportunities. And with a new and more diversified selection of international financial institutions, clean technology providers and climate asset traders, the 2015 Carbon Expo Global Trade Fair & Conference is expected to strongly influence the climate landscape through superior ideas and shared goals toward a climate-friendly future.

We hope to count on your most valued participation in the 2015 Carbon Expo Global Trade Fair & Conference. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Ms. Alexandra Stefanescu, astefanescu@worldbank.org.

Sincerely,

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