



Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: *Making it Work*

Confirmed Speaker:

Jacob Werksman, Principal Adviser to DG Climate Action at the European Commission

Lecture

The EU perspective on Paris 2015 and the future of the EU's Emissions Trading System

The lecture will explore from an EU perspective the domestic regulatory challenges of preparing for the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. This will include an overview of the Agreement's ambitious goals, robust rules for transparency and accountability, and dynamic ambition cycle, as well as the commitments by wealthier countries to support poorer countries to reduce emissions and build more resilient societies. Particular focus will be given to the recently agreed and proposed features of the 2030 European Climate and Energy package as the policies that will deliver EU's target under the Paris Agreement.



Biography

Jacob Werksman joined the European Commission in April 2012 as Principal Adviser to Directorate General for Climate Action, where his work focuses on the international dimensions of European climate policy. His responsibilities include leading aspects of the European Union negotiations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and advising the Commission with regard to international partnerships to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including through the International Civil Aviation Organization. Werksman is an international lawyer, specialising in international environmental law and international economic law. He has provided legal and policy advice to developed and developing country governments, NGOs and international institutions in the context of the UN climate change negotiations.