



Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program

The Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program (CLASP) eagerly anticipates the opportunity to expand its global network at CSD 14. CLASP registered as a CSD Sustainable Development Partnership in 2002 and is the only organization in the world devoted entirely to addressing the most effective global policy for advancing economic development and reducing greenhouse gas emissions—energy efficiency standards and labels (S&L). CLASP supports policymakers and practitioners in developing and implementing S&L programs. Since its formation in 1999, CLASP has helped implement 21 new minimum energy performance standards, energy efficiency endorsement labels and energy information labels that will save 90 terawatt hours (TWh) of electricity and 86 megatonnes of CO² (Mt CO²) annually by 2014.

CLASP is an outgrowth of an initiative begun in 1996 at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to help developing countries pursue energy-efficient S&L policies. Shortly afterward, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) embraced the effort and provided funding that led to CLASP's formation in 1999 as a partnership among LBNL and two other founding organizations. For the five years 2000 through 2004, supported by \$9.4 million from 12 different donors, CLASP helped stimulate the current world trend toward governments increasingly utilizing S&L to cost-effectively develop and transform markets. In 2005, CLASP completed its originally intended transformation into an independent global non-profit corporation open to all willing and able participants and is now governed by 12 directors from 8 countries in four continents.

At CSD 14, CLASP will share with delegates, other Sustainable Development Partnerships, and potential CLASP partners, CLASP's approach to sustainable development and its accomplishments to date. Since its inception, CLASP has conducted work in Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, China, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Mexico, Nepal, Poland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Uruguay. It has supported regional S&L projects in 30 additional countries. CLASP has been actively involved in S&L programs within the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Cooperation and Development (SARI), the Asia and South East Asia Network (ASEAN), and the North American Energy Working Group (NAEWG) and is helping UNDP-GEF develop several regional S&L projects.

CLASP is promoting its new Standards and Labeling Trust Fund at CSD 14. The Trust Fund is set up to allow rapid response to a variety of opportunities that constantly arise for expediting the implementation of S&L worldwide as well as enhancing the effectiveness of the standards and labels that are adopted. Many opportunities are either

time sensitive or have little appeal, but are crucial in the grand scheme of S&L. The Trust Fund will ensure that these opportunities are not lost.

CLASP is planning to participate in several venues at CSD 14. It is providing a panelist for the first of several CSD sessions on energy efficiency. It is sponsoring its own event in the Partnership Fair, as well as participating in two others and a discussion session. It is sponsoring an information desk. And it is providing a speaker at an energy efficiency seminar that is a side-event to CSD 14. CLASP invites all Network 2015 readers to attend some or all of the following events at CSD 14:

May 1: CLASP information desk (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; at the neck near Conf Room 6)

May 1: CLASP Partnership Fair session (4:30 – 5:10 PM; in Conf Room 6)

May 2: CSD Panel Discussion "“Enhancing *energy efficiency* to address air pollution and atmospheric problems, combat climate change, and promote industrial development with focus on (1) Energy efficiency: incentives vis-à-vis disincentives; (2) Improved transmission of electricity, and (3) End use efficiency in commercial and residential sectors.” (3:00 – 6:00 PM; Steve Wiel panelist; Conf Room 2)

May 2: Partnerships in Practice Interactive Discussion Session: Access to efficient technologies: from energy efficiency to cleaner industrial development (3:00 - 4:25 PM; Christine Egan speaking; in Conf Room 6)

May 3: U.S. government's CTI Partnership Fair session (10:00-10:40 AM; Steve Wiel speaking; in Conf Room 6)

May 4: PEPS Partnership Fair session (10:45 -11:25 AM; in Conf Room 6)

May 8-9: REEEP Energy Efficiency Investment Forum (May 8-9; Christine Egan speaking on May 8 at 10:30 AM at the Millennium UN Plaza Hotel)