

**First Meeting
Committee on Assessing Approaches to Updating the
Social Cost of Carbon**

September 2, 2015

The Keck Center of the National Academies - Room 208
500 5th St., NW
Washington, DC 20001

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

OPEN SESSION (open to the public)

9:30 Introductions

MaryEllen O’Connell, Interim Director, Board on Environmental Change and Society
Maureen Cropper and Richard Newell, Co-Chairs
Marisa Gerstein Pineau, Program Officer

9:45 Presentation: Sponsors’ Interests and Goals for the Study

Ken Gillingham, Council of Economic Advisers
Q&A: **Richard Newell and Maureen Cropper**, Moderators

10:45 *Break*

11:00 Presentation: Methodology for the Social Cost of Carbon Estimates

Elizabeth Kopits, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Q&A: **Richard Newell and Maureen Cropper**, Moderators

12:45 Closing Remarks

Maureen Cropper and Richard Newell, Co-Chairs

1:00 Adjourn Open Session

NOTE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS: This meeting is being held to gather information to help the committee conduct its study. This committee will examine the information and material obtained during this, and other public meetings, in an effort to inform its work. Although opinions may be stated and lively discussion may ensue, no conclusions are being drawn at this time; no recommendations will be made. In fact, the committee will deliberate thoroughly before writing its draft report. Moreover, once the draft report is written, it must go through a rigorous review by experts who are anonymous to the committee, and the committee then must respond to this review with appropriate revisions that adequately satisfy the Academy's Report Review Committee and the president of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine before it is considered a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report. Therefore, observers who draw conclusions about the committee's work based on today's discussions will be doing so prematurely. Furthermore, individual committee members often engage in discussion and questioning for the specific purpose of probing an issue and sharpening an argument. The comments of any given committee member may not necessarily reflect the position he or she may actually hold on the subject under discussion, to say nothing of that person's future position as it may evolve in the course of the project. Any inferences about an individual's position regarding findings or recommendations in the final report are therefore also premature.