Equity and CBDR

- Principles of the UNFCCC: achieving equity through CBDR.
- Cannot exist only as ideas, must be expressed in texts, objectives and obligations.
- Equity is not only compatible with, but actually favors ambition.
- Historical responsibility: quantifiable, generally reflects levels of development and capability.
- Two examples: shared vision and review. But relevant to all issues.

Shared Vision

- Among the pending issues of the SV: global goal for emission reductions in 2050 and timeframe for global peaking.

- Equity: these definitions must not become a restriction to economic growth and social progress in developing countries.

- This is recognized in the Convention (development priority) and in many COP decisions: 2/CP. 17 speaks of equitable access to sustainable development (timeframe) and contextual considerations (global goal and timeframe).

Contextual considerations

- SV cannot exist as an abstract definition. What is the context?
- A) Financing requirements: ensuring the US$ 100 billion/year. What is the amount of mitigation generated?
- B) Tec requirements: facilitating access. How soon will new technologies become widely available?
- Contextual uncertainties justify flexible goals and timeframes, as general references for global action.
- C) Dynamics of global emissions in the future: food security, energy security, quality housing, quality infrastructure.
- Emission limitation/potential impacts of global development on emissions.

Potential emission impacts of global development

- IEA 2011 Report: CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion
- Global population: 6.7 billion
- OECD: 9.83 tons per capita
- Global emission at OECD level: 66.5 billion tons (considering no future population growth)
- Current level (2009, not 1990): 29 billion tons

2013-2015 Review

- Review demands the same equitable consideration.
- Review is grounded in equity and CBDR.
- Review covers adequacy of the 2°C goal and overall progress in achieving it; not a review of the UNFCCC.
- Adequacy of 2° C goal: in the light of the ultimate objective, but also regarding how it affects development.
- Overall progress: must be seen in the light of contextual considerations. Has the support been offered? Is the technology available?