

INFORMATION NOTE

Workshop on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties

I. Mandate and background

1. By decision 2/CP.17, the Conference of Parties (COP) decided to continue in 2012 the process of clarifying the developed country Parties' quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets,¹ with the objective of understanding assumptions and conditions related to individual targets and associated assumptions and conditions related to the ambition of the pledges. This process shall include in-session workshops during which developed country Parties are also asked to share experiences with the development of low-emission development strategies.
2. At the first part of the fifteenth session of AWG-LCA, all Parties agreed to continue the process of clarification of the developed country Parties' targets structured around the matters outlined in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5. As part of this process, further workshops should be organized by the secretariat. Following the requests by Parties these workshops should be organized in a more rigorous way, using interactive approach and by framing the discussion around specific questions provided in advance.²

II. Proposed approach

3. The proposal is to conduct this fourth workshop in the format of a panel discussion, organized in three panel sessions keeping in mind that panel sessions 2 and 3 are closely linked. The workshop will be chaired by the facilitator, who will make opening remarks and provide an initial summary of the workshop discussions at the closing of the workshop.
4. Each panel session will start with an introduction on a specific thematic issue delivered by a moderator; followed by interventions by the panellists and interactive question and answer session facilitated by the moderator.
5. Parties are invited to come prepared to participate in the discussion guided by the questions below provided for each session below. A written workshop report will be prepared by the facilitator of the workshop with the assistance of the secretariat. The workshop is open for participation to Parties and observers.

III. Panels and thematic areas

Panel 1. Approaches to measure the progress towards achievement of the targets by developed country Parties

6. *Objective:* To present and discuss assumptions underlying the targets, including base year, global warming potential values, coverage of gases and sectors, emission reductions, the role of land use, land-use change and forestry and carbon credits from market-based mechanisms.

¹ Targets contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1.

² Oral report on national appropriate mitigation commitments or actions by developed country Parties (agenda item 3(b)(i)) presented to the Contact group of the AWG-LCA at the first part of its fifteenth session (Bonn, Germany, 15-24 May 2012), available at: <unfccc.int/6646>.

To enable the understanding of the approaches and how Parties measure the progress towards their targets and to identify commonalities and differences of approaches.

7. *Approach:* The panel will start with an introduction by the moderator providing an overview of the assumptions on approaches mentioned by Parties in their submissions or workshop presentations as summarized in the update of the technical paper and other relevant material, if any. This will be followed by the interventions from the panellists to react to the introduction and provide answers to the following questions:
 - Which approaches could be used and further elaborated to measure the progress towards the achievement of economy-wide emission reduction targets in a systematic manner, building on existing processes, practices and experiences?
 - How Parties see the role of land use, land-use change and forestry and use of carbon credits from market-based mechanisms in the context of their targets?
 - What are the areas of commonalities and differences of the approaches used to measure the progress towards the economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties?
 - What could be the next steps to elaborate the approaches used to measure the progress in a systematic manner?
8. Three panellists from developed country Parties and two from developing country Parties will be invited to join the panel.

Panel 2. Ambition of the targets by developed country Parties and related conditions

9. *Objective:* To present and discuss the emission reduction targets and conditions related to their ambition. To continue to explore options and ways to increase the level of ambition of developed country Parties with the view to close the global mitigation gap.
10. *Approach:* An introduction by the moderator providing an overview of the targets and conditions associated with them by developed country Parties. This will be followed by the interventions from the panellists to react to the introduction and provide answers to the following questions:
 - How to assess whether the conditions associated with the targets are met?
 - How to encourage Parties to move to the upper range of their targets?
 - How the ambition of the pledges could be enhanced with the view to close the global gap?
11. Two panellists from developed country Parties and two from developing country Parties will be invited to join the panel.

Panel 3. Comparability of mitigation efforts by developed country Parties

12. *Objective:* To continue consideration of comparability of mitigation efforts by developed country Parties, taking into account differences in their national circumstances, with a view to enable the understanding of comparability of effort and related metrics, and consider possible links to the mitigation ambition.
13. *Approach:* An introduction by the moderator providing an overview on metrics to compare mitigation efforts used in the update of the technical paper and other relevant material. This will be followed by the interventions from the panellists to react to the introduction and provide answers to the following questions:
 - How to enable the understanding and enhance the comparability of mitigation efforts by developed country Parties?

- How consideration of comparability of effort can facilitate consideration of options and ways to raise the level of mitigation ambition?
 - What are the options for accounting and reporting tools that can help compare mitigation efforts?
14. Three panellists from developed country Parties and two from developing country Parties will be invited to join the panel.

IV. Date and venue

15. The workshop will take place on Sunday, 2 September 2012, during the informal additional session of the AWG-LCA to be held in Bangkok, Thailand. The venue and the exact timing will be announced in due course.