

Dedicated Meeting on Ways and Means to Advance the Technical Examination Process in 2015 – 10 February 2015

Swiss interventions to:

Part 2: UNFCCC Institutions

Switzerland is happy to note that many UNFCCC Institutions have funding to offer assistance to Parties. The challenge is not so much the lack of financial support but the complexity of information and the requirements to prepare and hand in project applications

Switzerland understands that many actors are doing excellent work but sometimes we have to assess duplication. Parties should give clear guidance and clearly define the scope of activities. And Switzerland would encourage the institutions to better coordinate and discuss an appropriate (light) structure for a closer coordination as for example in the field of biodiversity - the Biodiversity Liaison Group BLG.

Switzerland regrets that the idea voiced by Mexico at COP 20 in Lima to organize regional Workshops and TEMs has not been reflected in the COP decision. Switzerland is convinced that the exchange of experience on a regional level is much more efficient than TEMs on a global level, as many delegations/government cannot send their experts to the ADP meetings.

Part: 3: Role of Leading Intl. Organizations

Question by Switzerland: Low prices for and subsidies on fossil fuel have a negative impact on the introduction of new technologies to produce renewable energy or to enhance energy efficiency. My government is aware that the abolition of fuel subsidies can lead to protests. But we are convinced that when people can directly take advantage of a sustainable energy production or an enhanced public transport system, citizen and the private sector will accept higher fuel prices (Swiss citizens accepted in a vote the rise of taxes on gasoline linked to cheaper public transportation).

What is the impact of a low price for fossil fuel on the programs of the Institutions represented on the podium.