

Submission by Saudi Arabia

Submission of Views on the Forum and Work Programme on the Impact of the
Implementation of Response Measures

Area (g) - Just Transition of the Workforce, and the Creation of Decent Work and Quality Job

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on thematic area (g) of the work program of the forum on the impacts of the implementation of response measures.

Saudi Arabia was among the Parties who participated in the interactive and lively discussion of the forum, which is in our view, has opened a new venue for substantial exchange of information to facilitate the understanding of the impacts of response measures, with the view to minimize the adverse consequences of those measures on developing country Parties. It was a noteworthy experience of partnership to share views from a wide range of sectors. Moreover, the participation by key stakeholders was also notable and we continue to believe that this engagement will be essential in understanding and providing broad analysis of the different dimensions of the various response measures, which could have diverse impacts on the economies and societies of developing Countries.

We believe that thematic area **(g) - Just transition of the workforce, and the creation of decent work and quality job** must be organized in the context of the Convention's and its Protocol's acknowledgement of every Country's legitimate right to sustainable development, and that Annex I Parties have a responsibility to promote a supportive economic system leading to sustainable economic growth and development in developing country Parties, and to support their overriding priorities for economic and social development and poverty eradication.

As most developing country Parties are witnessing rapid growth of a young population and are faced with extensive demand for decent work and quality jobs, the workforce and job markets in Non-Annex I Parties are among the most vulnerable sectors that need to ensure constant growth and sustainable development. Ample research, modeling and assessments are important instruments to understand and evaluate the impacts on both production and service-related jobs in the affected sectors. It is imperative that employment and other socio-economic indicators are included in the assessment and evaluation of the impact of response measures on Non-annex I Parties.

The forum is expected to examine the response measures and policies on closely associated topics to employment such as income, health and education. It is in our view that capacity building in the context of human resources development and training supported by Annex I Parties' means of implantation will be another area to examine.

Holding further workshops and organizing special events with International organizations as well as key subject-matter experts and representatives from private and public sectors will greatly help in disseminating practical lessons and highlighting concerns. The challenges need to be better understood and anticipated in order to avoid shocks to the human power behind economic performance in developing Countries.