

## Submission by the Government of Japan

Views on matters related to improvement of coordination of support in the implementation of the activities referred to in Decision 1/CP.16 paragraph 70, and existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives

Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on matters related to improvement of coordination of support in the implementation of the activities referred to in Decision 1/CP.16 paragraph 70, and existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives including a body, a board or a committee, in response to the invitation in paragraph 36 of Decision CP/2012/L.14/Rev.1.

### 1. General Issues

In order to put the REDD+ into practice, it is important to establish a transparent and reliable MRV system. The system should be adequately reliable and be handled easily, instead of being costly and time-consuming. In addition to that, establishment of robust national forest monitoring system is also significant.

Implementation of REDD+ activities should lead to achieving the objective of sustainable forest management, promote and support safeguards, such as conservation of natural forests, biological diversity, the respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, and be consistent with the objective of environmental integrity.

### 2. Institutional Arrangements

With regard to the discussion on institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives, in order to enable early implementation of REDD+ activities, Japan prioritizes to consider more on the function itself rather than institutional issues. The view is to have consulting function to promote the REDD+ activities, including gathering information, conducting needs and gap analysis, organizing capacity building activities and sharing experiences of good practices. Japan can contribute by sharing the know-how accumulated through capacity building for establishment of national forest monitoring system through projects conducted by Japan International Cooperation Agency, feasibility studies and others.

### 3. Coordination of Support to the developing country Parties

Support, especially finance provided to developing country Parties, should come from a wide variety of sources and centralized management or distribution of financial and technical support to developing countries by a body, a board or a committee should be avoided.

Existing institutions or supports, such as UN-REDD, FCPF, REDD+ Partnership and bilateral supports should be fully utilized. As for GCF, we should not prejudge the conclusion of discussions on the scope and the funding method in the board meetings of GCF which will be held three times this year.

Japan looks forward to working on these issues with other Parties, and reaching practical solutions at the subsequent SBSTA, SBI, and COP19/CMP9.