

Informal summary of the SBSTA technical briefing on LULUCF

Agenda item 15

Work programme on clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties

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Summary by the co-facilitators

Presentations were made by Ms. Maria Sanz Sanchez, from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Mr. Nalin Srivastava, from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

- Ms. Sanz presented an overview on reporting of land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. She highlighted the methodological guidance for reporting emissions and removals in the activity and land-based approaches, the mapping of land coverage in the activity-based and land-based approaches as well as the emissions and removals coverage of the main land use and land-use change categories;
- Mr Srivastava provided information on the *2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance* arising from the Kyoto Protocol. In his presentation, he highlighted the major updates to the supplementary methods, which were triggered by the new rules for LULUCF accounting under the Kyoto Protocol and the necessity to achieve consistency with the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*.

Parties expressed their appreciation for the presentations and the information the presenters provided.

Questions and answers and discussion:

- The technical briefing provided an opportunity for developed country Parties to further clarify the role of LULUCF in their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and the assumptions and conditions associated with those targets;
- In that regard, New Zealand clarified that for its target it will account for the LULUCF sector within the Kyoto Protocol framework; that is, account for afforestation, reforestation, deforestation and forest management with the rules as established by decision 2/CMP.7. It further clarified that the forest definitions from the first commitment period will be applied and that the reference level for forest management underwent the technical assessment in accordance with decision 2/CMP.6;
- During the technical briefing, some Parties also shared their views on how the presented information can provide input to the work programme and can help to achieve its objectives;
- In that regard, some Parties addressed the comparability of the land-based and activity-based approaches and how this could be achieved. The presenters emphasized coverage of sources and sinks within LULUCF over reporting methods as a more significant factor for comparability;
- Some other Parties emphasized that, as defined in the work programme, comparability of effort is different from comparability of approaches. They also emphasized that the type of action in the LULUCF sector triggers the way the action is measured and reported;
- Some Parties addressed accuracy and transparency of the two LULUCF reporting approaches. The presenters expressed their views that transparency of the reported information is a key element, and that both approaches are equally accurate and consistent if the methodological guidance by the IPCC is followed.