

WORK OF THE AWG-LCA CONTACT GROUP

Agenda item 3.2.1

Nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions by developed country Parties

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Note by the co-facilitators: Possible elements of the biennial reports referred to in paragraphs 40 (a) and 46 (a) of decision 1/CP.16

Background and context

- In accordance with paragraphs 40 (a) and 46 (a) of decision 1/CP.16 the work on the guidelines for providing information through biennial reports is part of the revision of the guidelines for reporting through national communications. At the same time, as biennial reports are a new reporting element, some work on their guidelines could proceed in an expedited manner, with the understanding that all reporting requirements for biennial reports should eventually become part of the guidelines for reporting through national communications.

Possible elements of the biennial reports

- Parties addressed the possible approaches to reporting information through biennial reports referred to paragraphs 40 (a) and 46 (a) of decision 1/CP.16 on the following occasions:
 - (a) Submission of views on the items relating to a work programme for the development of modalities and guidelines listed in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 46;
 - (b) Two workshops on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties, as requested by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 38; these workshops were held on 3 April 2011 and 9 June 2011;
 - (c) Informal meetings on agenda item 3.2.1 held on 10 and 13 June, and the meeting of spin-off group under agenda item 3.2.1 held on 14 June 2011;
 - (d) Informal submissions of Parties views during the second part of the fourteenth session of AWG-LCA.

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- In these submissions, presentations and interventions Parties provided, inter alia, useful and concrete proposals on possible elements of biennial reports.
 - Overall, there is convergence on broad elements of biennial reports. However, views differ among Parties on specificity of individual elements, for example on how to treat the information on financial support from private sources.
 - Without prejudging the specificity and sequencing of each element, the list below presents those broad elements of biennial reports, at a thematic level, which, in the view of the Co-Facilitators, reflect broad convergence of views among Parties and thus could serve as a starting point for further, in-depth consideration by Parties:
 - Executive summary
 - National greenhouse gas inventory (all sectors including LULUCF) and national inventory report
 - Information on mitigation commitments or actions
 - Effects of implemented mitigation actions
 - Emissions projections and indicative trajectory of emission trends
 - Progress in achieving emission reductions
 - Methodologies used and assumptions made
 - Information on the use of LULUCF and market-based mechanisms
 - Information on provision of support

Options for a timeline for completion of work on modalities and submission of biennial reports

- Completion of work on modalities and guidelines for reporting through biennial reports as part of the revision of national communication guidelines:
 - By COP 17 in 2011
- Submission of biennial reports:
 - In 2012
 - In 2013

Suggestions to take forward the work between now and Durban

- Invite Parties to provide in-session submission from Parties on possible elements of biennial reports; the Co-facilitators of the spin-off group have already done so Parties have already started providing their submissions.¹
- Invite inter-sessional submission from Parties on possible elements of biennial reports; dates to be determined according to an agreed approach to the work. The secretariat was requested synthesise the submissions and prepare a scope of guidelines based on existing guidelines.
- Allocate more time for spin-off discussion of this topic at this session.
- Addressing the issue in a workshop format between the Bonn and Durban sessions; some Parties noted that any such workshop should be in-session.
- Developing the detailed modalities and guidelines using expert technical meetings between Bonn and Durban.

¹ As at 15 June 2011, 10 p.m., following Parties or group of Parties made the in-session submissions: African Group, Brazil, European Union, South Africa, Switzerland and the Umbrella Group.