

INDABA: THE BIGGER PICTURE

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Context

- Enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention in a comprehensive manner that is capable of addressing the present and predicted climate change imperatives in the longer term.
- Reach agreement on a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol including on QELROs and rules, and ensure continuity so as to avoid a gap after 1 January 2013.
- Need for urgency to address –
 - the ambition gap in order to hold the global average temperature increase below 2 °C as well as strengthening the long term global goal based on the outcome of the 2013-2015 review;
 - the finance gap to ensure continued scaling up of climate financing now and beyond 2012;
 - the implementation gap by maintaining and strengthening the legally binding framework, including under the Kyoto Protocol, implementing existing commitments and operationalising the Cancun Agreements, completing work and implementing actions on all pillars of the Bali Action Plan;
- All Parties need to do more, with developed countries continuing to take the lead and to provide the necessary means of implementation, within an enhanced multilateral rules-based system applicable to all;
- Work within the UNFCCC framework and its decisions and based on its principles, objectives and provisions;
- Taking into account common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities in the light of economic realities and in the context of equitable access to sustainable development;
- Multilateral response needs to be pragmatic, effective, timely and tailored to address the objective of the Convention, and could include a combination of legally binding instruments, decisions, rules and guidelines as part of the multilateral rules-based system;

[Implementation under the Convention]

[Giving effect to Kyoto Amendments in time to avoid the gap]

Task

Option 1

- Develop and finalize a legally binding instrument in the form of a protocol pursuant to Article 17 of the Convention;

Option 2

- Complete the agreed outcome based on 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan) and 1/CP.16 (Cancun Agreements) through a legally binding instrument;

Option 3

- Complete the agreed outcome based on 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan) and 1/CP.16 (Cancun Agreements) through a series of decisions;

Option 4

- Enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention by strengthening the multilateral rules-based system through legally binding instruments, decisions, rules and guidelines;

Forum

Option 1

- in the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, to be extended to [X];

Option 2

- under a subsidiary body under the Convention, hereby established and known as the Ad-Hoc Working Group on [XX];

Timeline

Option 1

- with a view to presenting a legally binding instrument in the form of a Protocol or another legal instrument to the [18th][21st] Conference of the Parties for its adoption,

Option 2

- with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the Conference of Parties for adoption at its [X] session,

which shall meet as often as necessary and feasible, with the aim of completing its work by [2012][2015].

Parties may wish to explore phases, milestones and deadlines as elements of the timeframe.

Content/Coverage

- Based on the Bali Action Plan and the Cancun Agreements;
- Raise the level of ambition.