

Outcomes of the workshop on the Framework for Various Approaches

**Presented by the co-facilitators of the workshop on the Framework for Various
Approaches**

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Introduction

- **SBSTA 38:**
 - Invited further submissions on a number of questions for clarification related to the role and the technical design of the FVA
 - Requested the secretariat to:
 - Organize a workshop prior to SBSTA 39
 - Prepare a technical synthesis for the workshop and SBSTA39 (FCCC/TP/2013/5)
 - Prepare a report of the workshop for SBSTA 39 (FCCC/SBSTA/2013/INF.11)

- **AIM OF THE WORKSHOP:**
 - Discuss the questions identified by SBSTA 38 to advance the work towards fulfilling the mandate provided in 1/CP.18, paragraph 44-46



Workshop sessions

- **Opening of the FVA workshop**
- **Summary of the technical synthesis**
- **Session I:** Options for the purpose, scope and institutional arrangements
- **Session II:** Experiences and lessons learned from existing approaches on criteria and procedures to ensure the environmental integrity
- **Session III:** Experiences and lessons learned from existing approaches to avoid double counting through the accurate and consistent recording and tracking of mitigation outcomes
- **Session IV:** Way forward for Warsaw
- **Summary by the co-facilitators**



Options for the purpose of the FVA

- The FVA could:
 - Ensure **environmental integrity** of the approaches
 - Address **international aspects of approaches** such as the **transfer of units or outcomes** that allow increased mitigation ambition, and enable Parties to meet their **commitments and targets under the UNFCCC**
 - Provide a platform for **knowledge/information sharing**
 - Develop a **common set of accounting rules**



Options for the scope of the FVA

Should not cover

- Units or outcomes from **purely domestic** approaches

Should cover

- Units from **market based approaches** or also outcomes from **non-market based approaches**?
- Only **approaches under UNFCCC** or also **approaches developed by Parties** (subnational, national, bilateral, regional approaches)?
- Only approaches that result in **mitigation** and/or **avoidance of emissions**, or also ones that benefit **adaptation**?



Criteria and procedures to ensure environmental integrity

- The FVA should:
 - Acknowledge that environmental integrity means **real, additional, measurable, long-term benefits** to the environment
 - Ensure **transparency** and **build confidence**
 - Develop **common standards, procedures, and accounting rules** to ensure environmental integrity



Avoidance of double counting

- The measures to avoid double counting could **build on existing systems where possible**
- The FVA could **facilitate the recording and tracking of units or outcomes crossing borders**
- Need further elaboration on
 - **Definition** of double counting that shall be addressed (Double issuance, double use, double claiming, etc.)
 - **Measures** need to be taken **at national level and/or international level**



Options for the institutional arrangements of the FVA

- **Launch a platform for information sharing on approaches as a first step**
- Process after information sharing could be to:
 - **Analyse the approaches**
 - **Establish a body/process to review the information provided by Parties and draft common standards to ensure environmental integrity and avoid double counting**
 - **Perform conformity check for recognition under the FVA**



Way forward for Warsaw

- Agreeing on **purpose and scope** of the FVA
- Start with **information sharing and reporting** on approaches (templates, expert panels, etc.) without recognition of approaches by the COP
- Development of **common standards, rules, guidance** to ensure environmental integrity and avoid double counting
- Further elaboration on **process/institutional arrangements** under the FVA for recognition of the approaches



FURTHER INFORMATION

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