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Submission from IEDS on the Road map for Global Climate Action

The Institute for Environment, Climate and Development Sustainability (IEDS), is a specialized Environment and climate Institute based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, aiming at providing professional training in the fields of environment and climate change for sustainable development.

IEDS would like to submit on the following areas:

The role of high level champions

Building on existing initiatives, supporting new and more geographically diverse initiative. It is important for the high level champions to engage more representatives from local governments such as local leaders and village chiefs as they are the ones who are more close to the vulnerable communities to the impacts of climate change. Involving them will create a sense of participation and engagement at the very local level. Local level engagement in climate resilient and low emission development actions need the trust of the local leaders who do understand the local situations. Opportunities for local climate actions will be situation specific. Working with and engagement of those who understand the local situation and will ease the work of the high level champions. The high level champions should use the local training intuitions for a wider dissemination of knowledge of best and feasible practices for low emission and climate resilient development strategies for that local context. Local training institutions are able to impart knowledge in a more formal approach, bringing together state and non state actors into play. Through this approach the high level champions will be thinking globally but acting locally. This is the best way to address climate change, and the high level champions can do better and more if they will embrace this approach as one of the ways to reach out to the various actors at all levels.

Role of Technical Expertise Meeting

Solution suggested by TEMs should be easily implemented and applicable to developing countries in their specific conditions. No one size fits all approach. In doing so they should not use only the tools and approaches created by Parties but also parties need to ensure that TEMs enjoy the participation of non-state actors including non state training Institutes in order to ensure their contributions are enhancing to the overall objectives of the TEMs.