



Economic and social consequences of response measures

Joint SBI/SBSTA 35 forum

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Context

- Our common objective: Keeping average global temperature increase *below 2 °C*
- Ambitious actions = response measures are *necessary* to achieve this objective
- Benefits and opportunities, positive and negative impacts, need to explore
- *A comprehensive and global regime* with broad coverage of sectors offers the best option to address at the root the issue of impacts of response measures/potential consequences (RM/PC).

Opportunities

- Undertake more ambitious mitigation actions
- *Maximising positive* (e.g. economic opportunities, energy savings, health) and *minimising negative* impacts of actions
- Learning from each other – sharing experiences
- The special event at SB 34 provided *valuable examples* for maximising opportunities in the areas of employment, transport, health and others (presentations by ILO, IMO, WHO, etc.)

Social issues

- Employment, health, education, gender relate not only to economic, but also to *social* issues of the impacts of RM/PC
- We first started addressing these with a reference to a “just transition of the workforce” in Cancún
- Can build on this as we take our discussions on impacts of RM/PC forward

Work programme

- Information is key to better understand how to maximise positive and minimise negative effects – transparency in decision making
- Build on Cancún, i.e. § 92 of 1/CP.16, improving existing channels of information, learning from others
- We could build on the *inputs from the special events*, focussing on green growth and green jobs, health, education and gender = economic *and* social issues

On a possible forum

- As we strengthen information exchange, we can also look at how to better structure our discussions
- The issue of impacts of RM/PC is currently dealt with in a fragmented way, addressing this fragmentation would add value
- EU unconvinced by a permanent forum that would merely add an extra strand of work and not add value. Would be interesting to bring together existing workstreams
- Less process = more substance



**We look forward to
constructive discussions
here in Durban**

Thank you!