



## Agenda item 3 – Further guidance in relation to the mitigation section of decision 1/CP.21

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The State of Kuwait would like to thank the UNFCCC secretariat and the co-facilitators for their efforts and guidance through the COP 22 negotiation sessions under this matter. Also Kuwait appreciates the invitation made to the parties to submit their views regarding the questions on APA agenda item 3 “Further guidance in relation to mitigation section 1/CP21”.

On agenda 3 Sub-item (a) “Features” Kuwait understands this matter as the way that parties must presents their NDCs, in other words it is the layout/ outline of NDCs were it demonstrates their contributions in a clear and transparent approach to illustrate their actions and efforts in mitigation and adaptation. So the State of Kuwait propose that the secretariat must prepare and provide parties with **NDCs Templates** built on the types of INDCs submitted by parties (Outcomes, actions, outcome and actions). Also there should be a differentiation between developed and developing countries in the templates based on their national circumstances, historical responsibility and the principle of CBDR. Taking into consideration the sustainable development principles and criteria which were affirmed in the convention **preamble and art.3.4** of the convention which states that “*The Parties have a right to, and should, promote sustainable development. Policies and measures to protect the climate system against human-induced change should be appropriate for the specific conditions of each Party and should be integrated with national development programmes, taking into account that economic development is essential for adopting measures to address climate change.*”

Regarding agenda 3 Sub-item (b) “Information” paragraph 27 from 1/CP.21 states clearly that the required information which the parties must provide in their NDCs is based on their national circumstances and CBDR principle. Paragraph 28 requires information which will facilitate the clarity of NDCs, so in order to maintain the nationally determined aspect of the NDCs “**The Templates**” proposed on the features above will help in clarifying and understanding the information in the NDCs. Furthermore, the information included on those Templates should take into consideration the adaptation, mitigation, means of implantation and the support provided to developing countries.

On the **agenda 3 Sub-item (c) “Accounting” art. 4.3, 4.4 & 4.15** demonstrates that developed countries must take the lead in mitigation actions with absolute economy-wide targets as for the developing countries their national circumstances and common but differentiated responsibilities must be taken into consideration especially parties which their economy will be affected by the impacts of the response measures taken. So the accounting for the NDCs should conform with the concerns of the parties mentioned in **art.4.8** of the convention moreover it must be voluntary for the developing countries and estimated by the country itself based on its national circumstances.

**The structure and the progress of the work for all the agenda items (features, information, accounting) could be by:**

- Identifying a work plan to finalize NDCs guidelines.
- A party driven workshops to facilitate shaping the NDCs guidelines.
- The outcome of the workshops should ONLY be used in order to reach to a common understanding between the parties not as an input text for a decision.
- In order to implement the NDCs the developing countries needs a facilitated access for means of implementation and support (technology transfer, capacity building, financial resources etc.) under the convention, Kyoto protocol and Paris agreement.