

Submission of Views

By the Republic of Rwanda on behalf of the Member States of the Central African Forestry Commission (COMIFAC) on APA agenda item 3

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APA invited Parties to submit their views on agenda item 3.

The member states of COMIFAC: Republic of Burundi, Republic of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Republic of Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Chad, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Rwanda, and the Republic of Sao Tome and Principe; that harbors the second largest tropical forest block welcome the possibility to present its views on APA agenda item 3.

These countries hereby express their willingness to work with the co-chairs to accompany the entry into force and implementation of the Paris Agreement.

They also recall the principle of common but differentiated responsibility in the context of the overall effort to reduce / stabilize the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, without prejudice to Article 3 (2) of the Convention.

The following views are expressed:

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

(A) Features of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 26

It suffices to :

1. Identify mitigation sectors to be considered by the NDC;
2. Submit sectorial objectives to be considered for mitigation by NDC based on recommended standards;
3. Invite developed countries and emerging economies to implement their NDC based on their progressive emission trends;
4. Take into account the vulnerability of developing countries, including the most vulnerable states and those with lower or no emissions (such as member countries of COMIFAC) by encouraging them to provide information depending on the technical and financial support;

5. Consider and valorize the voluntary contributions of countries
6. Build on the existing legal and institutional framework at the country level;
7. Integrate gender which is indispensable in the fight against climate change.
8. Encourage developing countries, particularly member countries of COMIFAC, to carry out an assessment of their technological needs for the implementation of the NDC.

(B) Information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding of nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 28

1. NDC must make the actions to be taken more comprehensible in the context of achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention, including mitigation and adaptation.
2. NDC must be based on a country's emission profile, taking into account the flexibility for developing countries, especially the member countries of COMIFAC.
3. National communications and the BURs deserves to be used as the preferred way to report on the progress in the different sectors of the NDC.
4. The emission sectors concerned should take into account reference year, the reference level and emissions reduction target.
5. Lastly it is important to develop a simplified guide to facilitate the understanding, the process and the implementation of NDC.

(C) Accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions, as specified in paragraph 31

1. For the purpose of coherence, it is necessary to maintain the accounting rule under the Convention by building on existing guidelines and methodology of the IPCC.
2. An appeal may be made to SBSTA if the need arises.

COMIFAC member countries reserve the right to offer additional views to this submission.