



Plurinational State of Bolivia

**THE MECHANISM OF
“CLIMATE JUSTICE”**

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HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE CLIMATE DEBT

Operationalizing the equity principle in the UNFCCC

The equity principle:

1. Developed countries take the lead in emission reduction (historical responsibility and climate debt).
2. Developing countries have developmental imperatives, and their ability to undertake climate actions depend on the extent of support they receive from the developed countries.

BACKGROUND

- People's Accord from the World People's Conference on Climate Change and Mother Earth Rights - Bolivia (2010).
- Durban Decision 2/CP 17 paragraphs 79 & 89:
 - 79. *Emphasizes that various approaches to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions.*
 - 89. *Urges developed country Parties to assist developing country parties to promote economic diversification in the context of sustainable development.*
- Understanding climate change in the context of sustainable development in harmony and balance with Mother Earth, including ethical responsibility in a framework of rights and obligations.

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote mitigation and adaptation considering that environmental functions are not commercial commodities.
2. To develop a model of sustainable development in harmony with Mother Earth including climate responsibility.
3. To implement transfers of finance and environmentally-sound technology to developing countries.

THE THREE SUBSETS OF THE “CLIMATE JUSTICE” MECHANISM

1. The Joint Mitigation and Adaptation for the Integral and Sustainable Management of Forests.
2. The Mitigation Mechanism.
3. The Adaptation Mechanism.

THE JOINT MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION MECHANISM FOR THE INTEGRAL AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS

1. Development of a holistic approach recognizing mitigation and adaptation and the overall linkages between forests and climate change.
2. Adscription of country experiences to the Mechanism.
3. Transference of finance and technological support oriented to the integral and sustainable management of forests.
4. Coordination with mitigation and adaptation mechanisms.

THE MITIGATION MECHANISM

The mitigation mechanism consists of the following components:

1. Assessment of mitigation needs and impacts.
2. Addressing mitigation needs of Parties according to “sustainable levels” of emissions.
3. Coordination from the Convention.

THE ADAPTATION MECHANISM

The adaptation mechanism consists of the following components:

1. Assessment of adaptation needs and impacts.
2. Addressing adaptation needs and losses due to climate change impacts, including rehabilitation and compensation.
3. Coordination from the Convention.

THE WAY FORWARD

THE *CLIMATE JUSTICE MECHANISM* *is key to operationalizing the principle of equity and CBDR of the UNFCCC.*

Therefore...

The design and implementation of the Climate Justice Mechanism must be one of the major efforts to set up equity as the centerpiece of climate change.