United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Overview of submissions

Submissions made under decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 85 Bonn, Germany, 19 May 2012



Number of submissions

- Submissions were invited until 5 March 2012
- 34 total submissions received:
 - 14 from Parties
 - 12 in FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.6
 - 1 in MISC.6/Add.1
 - 1 in MISC.6/Add.2 (published on 18 May 2012)
 - 20 from admitted observer organizations in MISC.7



Submisssions invited on decision 2/CP.17, paras 83 & 84

83 Defines a new market-based mechanism

Operating under the guidance and authority of the COP

To enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries

Guided by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 80

Subject to conditions to be elaborated, may assist developed countries to meet part of their mitigation targets or commitments under the Convention



Submisssions invited on decision 2/CP.17, paras 83 & 84

84 Requests AWG-LCA to conduct a work programme

To elaborate modalities and procedures for the new marketbased mechanism

With a view to recommending a decision to COP18 (Doha)



Nature of submissions

Purpose

Design considerations

Possible elements of modalities and procedures

Further steps in the work programme



Purpose

- Affirmation of Durban text:
 - "To enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries"
- Possible role in enabling an increase in mitigation ambition
- Possible role in helping to achieve sustainable development



Design considerations

- a) "Ensuring voluntary participation of Parties, supported by the promotion of fair and equitable access for all Parties"
 - Concerns over being unable to access the mechanism
 - Capacity-building (institutional, technical)
 - Awareness of national circumstances
- b) "Complementing other means of support for nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties"
 - Relationship with other mitigation mechanisms
 - Relationship with non-mitigation support



Design considerations (continued)

- c) "Stimulating mitigation across broad segments of the economy"
 - Identifying and defining "segments"
 - Different levels of aggregation
 - Concerns over potential leakage
- d) "Safeguarding environmental integrity"
 - Rules to ensure a real, permanent, and additional outcome
 - Procedures for measurement, reporting, and verification
 - Rules for issuing and tracking units and means to avoid double counting



Design considerations (continued)

- e) "Ensuring a net decrease and/or avoidance of global greenhouse gas emissions"
 - Interest in moving beyond offsetting
 - Various examples provided to achieve this
- f) "Assisting developed country Parties to meet part of their mitigation targets, while ensuring that the use of such a mechanism or mechanisms is supplemental to domestic mitigation efforts"
 - Eligibility requirements
 - Guidance on supplementarity



Design considerations (continued)

- g) "Ensuring good governance and robust market functioning and regulation"
 - Roles of existing and new institutions
 - Balance of roles between international and national levels
 - Appropriate role and incentives for market participants



Possible elements of modalities and procedures

- Technical standards:
 - Identification of segments
 - Determination of thresholds
- Processes
 - Consideration of mitigation activities
 - Measurement, reporting, and verification
 - Tracking mitigation efforts
- Types and roles of institutions
- Participation requirements



Further steps

- Further workshops, per Durban mandate
- Technical analyses
- Capacity-building
- Piloting
- Formalized means to feed back lessons learned



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