

INFORMATION NOTE

Workshop on clarification of the developed country Parties' quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets and related assumptions and conditions

I. Mandate and background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventeenth session decided to continue in 2012 the process of clarifying the developed country Parties' quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1, with the objective of understanding assumptions and conditions related to individual targets, in particular in relation to the base year, global warming potential values, coverage of gases, coverage of sectors, expected emission reductions, and the role of land use, land-use change and forestry, and carbon credits from market-based mechanisms, and associated assumptions and conditions related to the ambition of the pledges.¹

2. The COP also decided that this process shall include submission of relevant information by developed country Parties, using a common template², to the secretariat by 5 March 2012, as well as in-session workshops and an update of the technical paper prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/TP/2011/1).³

3. The COP requested the secretariat to organize the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 above in conjunction with the thirty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and to prepare a written workshop report in a structured manner.⁴

4. The COP requested developed country Parties to share experiences with the development of low-emission development strategies during the in-session workshops referred to in paragraph 2 above, and invites developed country Parties to submit information related to progress towards the formulation of their low-emission development strategies.⁵

5. The COP further requested the secretariat to prepare the technical paper referred to in paragraph 2 above, compiling all the information contained in Parties' submissions in a structured manner, and to further update that paper as new information is provided by Parties.⁶

II. General objectives and approach to the workshop

6. The objective of the workshop is to continue the process of clarifying the developed country Parties' quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1, with the objective of understanding assumptions and conditions related to individual targets, in particular in relation to the base year, global warming potential values, coverage of gases, coverage of sectors, expected emission reductions, and the role of land use, land-use change and forestry, and carbon credits from market-based mechanisms, and associated assumptions and conditions related to the ambition of the pledges.

¹ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5.

² To facilitate that submission, the Chair of the AWG-LCA, in consultation with and with support from the secretariat, prepared a suggested common template.

³ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 5 (a-c) and 6; submissions will be made available as a MISC document and on the UNFCCC website at <unfccc.int/4578>.

⁴ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 7.

⁵ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 11.

⁶ Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 8.

7. Another objective of the workshop is for developed country Parties to share experiences with the development of low-emission development strategies.
8. All Parties are invited to engage in, and contribute to, the interactive exchange of information at the workshop. Developed country Parties are encouraged to make presentations to clarify their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1, and share experiences with the development of low-emission development strategies. International organisations may be invited, if time allows, to contribute to the discussions.
9. Building on the discussions during the AWG-LCA workshops held in 2011 and on the additional information on the quantified economy-wide targets to be submitted by developed country Parties by 5 March 2012, the secretariat will prepare an update of the technical paper FCCC/TP/2011/1. This paper will serve as further input for the workshop for Parties to facilitate exchange of information.

III. Organization of work

10. The workshop will be organized in a structured manner, built primarily around the presentations by Parties, as outlined above. A series of presentations will be followed by questions and answers. An agenda will be made available on the UNFCCC web site in time before the workshop taking into account the requests for presentations received from Parties.
11. Parties wishing to make presentations are invited to contact the secretariat at <lcaworkshops@unfccc.int> by 16 April 2012.
12. A written workshop report will be prepared by the secretariat.

IV. Date and venue

13. The workshop will take place on Thursday 17 May 2012, during the fifteenth session of the AWG-LCA to be held in Bonn, Germany.
14. The venue will be announced in due course.