



REPÚBLICA DEL ECUADOR

**SUBMISSION OF ECUADOR
PROPOSAL OF A DRAFT DECISION ON
FRAMEWORK FOR VARIOUS APPROACHES**

Background

In Doha, Parties in Decision 1/CP.18 paragraph 44 requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to conduct a work programme to elaborate a Framework for Various Approaches, drawing on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on this matter, including the relevant workshop reports and technical paper, and experience of existing mechanisms, with a view to recommending a draft decision to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session.

To further conduct its work programme, the Chair of SBSTA 38 invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the Secretariat, by 2 September 2013, their views on, inter alia, a number of questions on the role and technical design of the FVA, and requested the Secretariat to make these submissions available on the UNFCCC website.

Ecuador considers that until the purpose, scope, functions, components of the FVA are defined and agreed, the Conference of the Parties cannot begin the discussion regarding common accounting rules, standards, criteria and procedure.

In this regard, Ecuador makes the following submission under the format of a draft decision on FVA to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session, in accordance with the specific mandate of Decision 1/CP.18.

Draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.13,2/CP.17, and 1/CP.18;

Reaffirming that various approaches, including opportunities for using markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries, must meet standards that deliver real, permanent, additional and verified mitigation outcomes, avoid double counting of effort and achieve a net decrease and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions;

Reaffirming that Parties' efforts should be undertaken on the basis of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities, and the provision of finance, technology transfer and capacity building to developing countries in order to support their mitigation and adaptation actions under the Convention, and should take into account the imperatives of equitable access to sustainable development, the survival of countries and protecting the integrity of Mother Earth;

1. Decides to establish a Framework for Various Approaches under the UNFCCC with the purpose to achieve the objective of the Convention as defined in article 2, ensure the environmental integrity of actions to be implemented by Parties and enhance the cost-effectiveness of mitigation.

2. Defines the Framework for Various Approaches as a set of common rules to facilitate the implementation of actions by parties to achieve a net reduction and/or avoidance of global emissions.

3. Decides that the scope of the Framework for Various Approaches should cover all units from all mitigation approaches that engage net reduction and/or avoidance of global emissions, in particular UNFCCC flexible mechanisms, domestically implemented mechanisms and any other approaches.

4. Also decides that, in order to ensure environmental integrity, the functions of the Framework for Various Approaches shall include:

(a) The development of the core characteristics of reduction and avoidance units.

(b) The integration of reduction and avoidance units within a UNFCCC accounting and compliance system and the provision of information thereof, with a view to avoid double counting;

5. Decides to establish a Transitional Committee to define the components of the Framework for Various Approaches developed by SBSTA, under the authority and guidance of the COP.

6. The Transitional Committee will comprise 20 expert members, elected by the COP, who will serve in their personal capacity and are nominated by Parties with the aim of achieving a fair and balanced representation, as follows:(a) Nine members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties);(b) Three members from each of the three regions of the Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), namely Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean, one member from a small island developing State and one member from a least developed country Party.

7. Invites the Secretariat of the UNFCCC to convene the first meeting of the Transitional Committee, by March 2014.

8. The Transitional Committee shall prepare and recommend to the COP 20 for adoption at its next session the draft components of the Framework for Various Approaches mentioned in paragraph 4. Until the adoption by the COP 20, such components shall be applied

9. Urges Parties to provide financial resources for early actions eligible under the Framework for Various Approaches in order to facilitate its enhanced and cost-effective implementation.