Submission by Saudi Arabia

Views on the General Guidelines for Domestic Measurement, Reporting and Verification of Domestically Supported Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions by Developing Country Parties

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties.

First, Saudi Arabia sees the continuous work carried out on understanding the diversity of NAMAs of developing country Parties, along with understanding that Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties should be carried out in the context of sustainable development and in accordance with each individual developing country Party's national circumstances, provide the appropriate context for the work on general guidelines for domestically supported mitigation actions by developing country Parties.

Second, Saudi Arabia believes the Doha outcome provides the right basis for this effort. It was reiterated in Doha that guidelines should be voluntarily in nature, as well as take into account national circumstances and national priorities, and respect the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions. Furthermore, it was reaffirmed in Doha that the guidelines should be general, pragmatic, non-prescriptive, non-intrusive and country driven. Furthermore, we wish to underline that the guidelines should not obstruct developing country Parties NAMAs nor hinder their ultimate social and economic priorities.

Third, In accordance with 1/CP.16, the guidelines for measurement, reporting and verification should be under the convention and should be performed domestically and by domestic institutions. This in turn requires this exercise for general guidelines to be conducted using a capacity building approach and with the intention of building on national best practices of each individual non-Annex I country Parties according to their own national needs and circumstances and result in guidelines that recognize existing domestic measurement, reporting and verification systems.