

Submission by Saudi Arabia

Views on matters related to non-Market-based Mechanism

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the work program for elaborating non-market based approaches in line with decision 1/CP.18, which invites Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit their views on matters referred to in paragraphs 44–47, including information, experience and good practice relevant to the design and operation of various approaches.

Saudi Arabia believes that non-market based approaches are important to enhance the cost effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions to achieve sustainable development. Moreover, Annex I Parties shall demonstrate that they are taking the lead under Article 4, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention, in modifying longer-term trends in anthropogenic emissions consistent with the objective of the Convention by taking corresponding measures to limit their anthropogenic emissions of GHG and protecting and enhancing their GHG sinks and reservoirs through national non-market-based approaches, including policies and regulatory measures in relation to:

- Technology development, diffusion, capacity building, and transfer to developing countries;
- Environmental education relating to the sustainable use of resources;
- Direct compensation of net avoidance of emissions based on a programmatic and cross-sectoral approach;
- Environment, energy, land, and other natural resource policy;
- Recognition and compensation arising from accrued climate debt to developing countries;

We believe that based on their historical responsibility, developed countries should take the lead in emission reductions and the fact that developing countries have sustainable development needs, and their ability to undertake climate actions is dependent on the support they receive from developed countries.

Furthermore, developed country Parties should take all practicable steps to promote, facilitate and finance efforts in developing countries in the fields of education, training and public awareness, to enhance and to promote the rational consumption and use of natural resources, taking into account the full life-cycle of materials, so as to result in the reduction of emissions from developing countries.

As such, elaborating approaches for non-market based mechanism, operating under the guidance and authority of the Conference of the Parties, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries, must ensure that such approaches, or measures taken under such approaches, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade.