

# Working together to close the gap: Views of the LDC group

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## Key elements of the LDC Group submissions on options for raising mitigation ambition

- Addressing the ambition gap and ensuring the level of ambition is increased needs to be addressed to safeguard the most vulnerable countries and avoid any further increase in adaptation needs.
- The Durban decision clearly acknowledges with "grave concern" the significant ambition gap between the 2020 pledges and the aggregate emission pathways.
- Aggregate level of ambition must be based on scientific and technical analysis of emission pathways consistent with holding warming below 2°C and to limiting warming to 1.5°C, and the LDCs believe that achieving the level of ambition to stabilize the temperature below 2°C or 1.5°C is **still possible**.

- Decision 1/CP17 clearly has a dual mandate: *Process to negotiate a new legal agreement applicable to all and launching a workplan to address the ambition gap.*
- As the ADP work on mitigation clearly will look at ambition and commitments beyond 2020, the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition should focus on pre-2020 action.
- Therefore, the workplan will explore options to close the ambition gap represented by the 2020 pledges and to ensure the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties.
- LDCs call on all Parties to show the **political commitment** and **willingness** to explore a range of options to increase the level of ambition and the Annex I Parties to show the leadership.

## Short term activities to be included in the workplan

- The workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition **must identify a series of short term activities** in 2012.
- These activities could include:
  - a series of in-session workshops;
  - ministerial conferences and meetings to ensure high-level engagement for enhancing mitigation ambition;
  - submissions and discussions that lead to the adoption of more ambitious economy wide emission reduction targets by developed countries including legally binding QELROs for Annex I Kyoto Protocol Parties and comparable commitments for Annex I non-Kyoto Protocol Parties.
- The workplan should encourage more ambitious NAMAs by developing countries along with mechanisms for ensuring the appropriate scale of financial resources, technology transfer and capacity building support.

# Short term activities to be included in the workplan...cont'd

- Call upon the Annex I Parties to:
  - Remove the conditionalities around their pledges;
  - Convert their pledges into commitments;
  - Set renewable energy targets and comply to them;
  - Non-Kyoto Parties adopt unconditional, legally-binding, economy-wide emission reduction commitments and comparable commitments.
- Kyoto Protocol:
  - Avoid a gap between the commitment periods;
  - Remove loopholes and strengthen accounting rule;
    - including eliminating the effect of surplus assigned amount units (AAUs.)
  - Conclude QELROs for Annex I Kyoto Protocol Parties;
  - Ensure the continuity of the Kyoto Protocol's flexible mechanisms with the view to help Annex I parties comply with their obligations;
    - Eligibility to these mechanisms should be exclusive to Parties that are part of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

## Short term activities to be included in the workplan...cont'd

- Encourage development and implementation of Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) in all countries;
- Engage all developing Parties in concerted, global emissions reduction efforts;
- Ensure effective, new, additional financial support as well as technological and capacity building to design and implement NAMAs in developing countries.
- Ensure new markets mechanisms are well defined:
  - Ensure environmental integrity;
  - No double counting;
  - Robust international units, which can be verified.

- Outputs of this workshop, technical activities and submissions should **feed into the ADP discussions and next steps.**
- **The ADP ambition process will make recommendations to COP18 and subsequent COPs with a view to adopting decisions** that contribute to enhancing understanding of the global ambition gap, encourage enhancing and implementing pledges, and taking steps to promote supplementary initiatives to close the gap.

Thank you