

**Decision X/CP.18**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 1/CP.17, which noted with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of Parties' mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2°C or 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels ('pre-2020 mitigation ambition gap'),

*Alarmed* that global greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, and that according to the 2012 UNEP Emissions Gap Report, the pre-2020 mitigation ambition gap has grown since 2011 to 8 to 13 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2020 emissions in order to have a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2°C above pre-industrial levels,

*Bearing in mind* the technically and economically feasible mitigation measures currently available that could deliver rapid and significant GHG reductions to close the mitigation ambition gap, if adopted through more ambitious national efforts and domestic policy adjustments,

*Recalling* Parties' agreement in decision 1/CP.17 that the process under the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action "shall raise ambition",

*Welcoming* the launch of the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition to identify and explore options for a range of actions to close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties,

*Noting* the Report of the workshop on increasing the level of mitigation ambition under paragraph 8 of decision 1/CP.17, held in Bonn, Germany, on 21 May 2012 (FCCC/ADP/2012/INF.1), as well as the Co-chairs' summaries of the work of the roundtables under workstream 2 addressing matters relating to paragraphs 7 and 8 of decision 1/CP.17, convened during the informal negotiating session held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 30 August to 5 September 2012,

*Emphasising* the need to significantly accelerate progress under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition in 2013 in order to urgently close the pre-2020 mitigation ambition gap,

1. *Agrees* that the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition shall be conducted in full accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and equity;
2. *Urges* Parties to redouble their efforts to raise the ambition of their mitigation targets and pledges for 2020 in the immediate term, in particular by developed countries removing conditionalities currently applicable to their 2020 emission reduction targets, and by developing countries bringing forward proposals for mitigation action where they are yet to do so, with a view to closing the pre-2020 mitigation ambition gap in the 2013-2014 timeframe;
3. [Specific action in 2013?];
4. *Decides* to hold a series of workshops and related activities, beginning in 2013, to identify and facilitate the implementation of discrete and specific initiatives, policies and measures to reduce GHG emissions as rapidly and cost effectively as possible;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to organize multiple dedicated workshops to be held throughout 2013 on each of the following thematic areas:
  - (a) Energy, including enabling upscaled deployment of renewable energy technology;
  - (b) Domestic transport, including increasing efficiency of transportation technologies and systems;
  - (c) Industry, including increasing efficiency of production methods and exploring low-GHG alternatives;

- (d) Agriculture, including low-GHG practices and efficiency;
  - (e) Forestry, including reduction in deforestation, and changes in forest management that increase carbon stocks;
  - (f) Waste management, including strategies such as recycling, source reduction, landfilling, combustion with energy recovery, and composting; and
  - (g) Construction and building, including the use of building codes, efficiency measures, and performance standards.
6. *Decides* that the workshops should be held in conjunction with the negotiating sessions of the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action;
  7. *Requests* Parties, in the context of preparations for the workshops and related activities, to submit to the Secretariat by 15 March 2013 information on the following:
    - (a) Specific proposals, policies and measures in the various thematic areas to enhance pre-2020 mitigation ambition domestically and internationally;
    - (b) Quantification of the GHG reduction potential of such proposals, policies and measures, including their contribution to closing the pre-2020 mitigation ambition gap;
    - (c) Barriers to, and costs of, implementing such proposals, policies and measures; and
    - (d) Financial resources, technology and capacity building required to plan, adopt, and implement such proposals, policies and measures;
  8. *Encourages* the broad participation in the workshops by Party representatives with expertise in the various thematic areas, including from relevant government ministries, as well as opportunities for engagement by the private-sector, intergovernmental organisations and civil society;
  9. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare theme-specific technical papers based on the workshops and submissions by Parties highlighting “low-hanging mitigation potential” that could be exploited through enhanced efforts at the national and international levels, taking into account barriers, specific national contexts and constraints.
  10. *Requests* Annex I Parties to provide adequate funding to ensure the full and effective participation of delegates by non-Annex I Parties interested in attending the workshops, in particular Party representatives with expertise in the various thematic areas.
  11. *Further requests* the secretariat to assist in the convening of high-level ministerial meetings on enhancing mitigation ambition throughout 2013, including during the lead up to the May/June subsidiary body meeting in Bonn, in the margins of the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly and at the ministerial pre-COP meeting in November.
  12. *Decides* to consider progress under the Workplan on Enhancing Mitigation Ambition at the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, in particular enhanced pre-2020 mitigation ambition brought forward by Parties in 2013, with a view to identifying further activities for the Workplan in 2014, in preparation for a ‘Summit on pre-2020 Mitigation Ambition’, to be held at COP20.