

Information, views and proposals of Azerbaijan Republic on matters related to the work of ADP

Taking opportunity to present its views on matters related to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), Azerbaijan underlines the importance of actions taken by ADP.

Azerbaijan, as a country with developing economy, recognizes that, climate change represents an urgent and potential threat to humanity. Despite of fact that the country has not taken any quantitative obligations under the Kyoto protocol as non-Annex I country, it already contributes and will continue to contribute by its own initiative to a global emission reduction efforts through implementation of a wide range of activities in terms of emission reduction activities. By these mitigation actions, Azerbaijan is making its contribution to maintain temperature increase below 2 °C and calls for all countries to enhance their efforts in the same direction.

As an important issue, the Convention should revise structure of division of Parties to groups, as since 1992 many developing countries have made significant progress in its economic development, and reached a new level in terms of their existing capacity to respond to climate change. This may help in fair distribution of commitments and obligations within 2015 agreement.

It should be mentioned that, the actions within ADP has laid the foundations for understanding of concepts to defining the content of the 2015 agreement and achieving concrete results on pre-2020 ambition. In this regard, Azerbaijan believes that through increased ambition of all Parties it could be reached new global agreement on common policy to maintain temperature increase below 2 °C. Main milestones in this process could be stimulation of development of green economy, implementation of measures oriented to development and expansion of financial instruments, non-market based approaches and new market-based mechanisms.

Azerbaijan considers important that the 2015 Agreement should be internationally legally binding agreement strengthening the continued efforts of Parties to achieve climate resilient sustainable development. It is mainly important in case of developing countries, where application of low-carbon and green technologies should not impede the socio-economical development trend. Thus, significant support of developed countries to developing countries with means of technology transfer and capacity building is very essential.

Along with this, it is important to consider complex approach in the development of the new climate Agreement eliminating all weak points of the existing international climate change regulations and aimed to enhance countries ambition following the principle of the common but differentiated responsibility.

Azerbaijan support all approaches directed to emission reduction, including non-market based approaches. Non-market based approaches may also contribute to mitigation efforts leading to decrease of greenhouse gas emissions and to environmentally friendly sustainable development.

Along with this, Azerbaijan also supports initiatives of different approaches for identification of a New Market Mechanism aimed to assist Parties to meet part of their mitigation commitments under the Convention and underlines importance of elaboration and adoption of modalities and procedures for the new mechanism at CoP 19. New mechanism should address the international aspects of national initiatives, the use of carbon credits or mitigation outcomes crossing Party boundaries towards implementation of international commitments.

One of the main important issues is setting-up of new working financial mechanisms of the convention. New mechanism should be building on experiences and on lessons learnt from previous mechanisms such as Clean Development Mechanism as this mechanism has many weaknesses. Importance of new transparent financial mechanisms emerges in the aspect of countries intention to scale-up climate finance to USD 100 billion per year by 2020 in the context of meaningful mitigation actions.

In overall, Azerbaijan appreciates all efforts aimed to creation of new financial mechanisms which are aimed to support with different funds to the developing countries in implementation of the measures on emission reduction through technology transfer and capacity building.

Along with nationally appropriate mitigation actions, the 2015 Agreement must take into account that all countries also need to continue to plan and implement adaptation actions responding to their local and national context as each country has its specific national development priorities and circumstances. In this regards, developed countries should mobilize means of supports for adaptation actions in developing countries. It should be followed by technology transfer and capacity building to support developing countries in identification of most vulnerable sectors and application of most cost-effective technologies.