

Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), comprising Switzerland, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein and Monaco

**Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP):  
achievements in Doha – 2015, and focus and organization of work**

ADP 1, second part

The EIG is pleased to submit its views on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), including the necessary achievements in Doha, and the focus and organization of work in 2012 and 2013. Further, we are pleased to set out our views in the context of the full negotiation period of the ADP until COP21 (2015).

This submission is built and is to be read in the context of the EIG Submission of 27 July 2012 on the necessary achievements and organization of work in 2012.

- The ADP includes two distinct workstreams: matters related to paragraphs 2 to 6 (agenda item 3a), and matters related to paragraphs 7 and 8 (agenda item 3b). Consequently, the EIG supports two contact groups under the ADP, i.e. one for each workstream;
- In Doha, the organisation of work must be settled to allow the two workstreams to engage in their respective work.

**Matters related to paragraphs 2 to 6 (agenda item 3a)**

- **Achievements of Doha: the necessary steps in view of the adoption of the *future legally binding instrument (LBI) in 2015 (COP21)*.**
  - Urgency to move work forward in an expeditious manner
  - Demonstrable progress in the elaboration of the *future LBI*. Common ground on principles, characteristics and key elements of the future LBI should be captured through an ADP-decision in Doha
  - Our views on principles, characteristics and key elements:

*Guiding principles and characteristics:*

- Global participation
- Common bindingness
- Mitigation commitments for all, with differentiation in the effort according to CBDR/RC and equity.

- Flexibility of accommodating the different national circumstances of the Parties
- Based on incentives. Focus on potential and not on restrictions
- Environmental integrity and cost-effectiveness
- Commitments/actions of Parties that must be understood ex ante by others: clear and comparable (common accounting rules), and implementation must be transparent (robust MRV).
- Science-based approach

*Key Elements:*

- Objective: Art 2 of the Convention
  - The regime must adequately address issues including, but not necessarily limited to, those specified in paragraph 5 of 1/CP.17
  - Mitigation is at core of the *future LBI*, in accordance with the ultimate objective of the Convention, which could be incentivized for wider participation and ambitious goals.
  - Adaptation is also an integral part of the future LBI, aiming at reducing vulnerability and improving resilience capabilities
- A broad plan of work until 2015 for the elaboration of the *future LBI*. The plan of work should serve as an orientation guide on the necessary achievements and timelines throughout the process up to 2015. Further guidance to the plan of work maybe provided throughout the process, taking into account the progress achieved. The EIG encourages the Co-Chairs to set out by Doha such a broad plan of work for the full period up 2015, including milestones in a broad timeline, and the mode of work under the ADP. We encourage the Co-Chairs to draw on the submissions of Parties and observers and guide our work in view of a successful outcome by 2015. The plan of work should be captured in the ADP decision in Doha.

- **Focus of work in Doha (topics and questions):**

- Establish common ground on basic principles, characteristics and key elements.
- To this end, discussions should focus on those issues that have arisen in Bangkok for further consideration, including:
  - What do Parties envisage by “flexibility for national circumstances” in balance with achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention (Art. 2)?
  - What do Parties envisage by balanced reflection of CBDR/RC and equity and by a “dynamic framework” that is viable for the future with changing socio-economic realities ?

- What do Parties envisage by “comparable and equitable” commitments so that mutual understanding of the efforts of Parties is ensured and thereby increased ambition is triggered?
  - Include reflections on experiences and lessons learnt from other multilateral agreements.
- **Organisation of work in Doha**
  - Continue round table discussion and consultations by the Co-Chairs
  - Creation of a contact group under the agenda item 3a
- **Focus and organisation of work in 2013, and beyond: start of phase on “content”**

2013:

  - First half of 2013: Parties’ submissions elaborating on the common ground on various elements and characteristics captured in Doha (no inter-sessional sessions)
  - Bonn session: start more in depth work on the various elements, taking into account the captured characteristics (spin off groups)
  - Bonn-COP19: Parties’ submissions on “content” of the various elements, and first reflections on the “architecture” of the *future LBI*
  - COP19: capture progress on the “content” of the various elements and on “architecture” of the *future LBI*

2014/2015:

  - Mid 2014: first draft negotiation text
  - COP20: capture progress
  - Mid 2015: presentation of final text

**Matters related to paragraphs 7 and 8 (agenda item 3b)**

- **Achievements of Doha:**
  - Common understanding of the global ambition gap based on the on-going work on understanding the Parties 2020-Pledges.
  - Capture Parties’ discussions and information on potential options / actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties.
  - Capture Parties’ information on their additional engagement in mitigation actions additional to their pledges/commitments, on a voluntary basis (such as international initiatives)

- Conclusion of the work of AWG-LCA and AWG-KP and allocation of remaining issues to the SBs.
- Outline the focus and mode of work in 2013 (our views below)
- **Focus of work in Doha (topics and questions):**
  - Further deepen discussions on potential options / actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties based on outcomes of AWG-LCA and AWG-KP
  - Concrete work to be undertaken in 2013 (our views below)
- **Organisation of work in Doha**
  - Continue round table discussion and consultation by the Co-Chairs
  - Creation of a contact group under the agenda item 3b
- **Focus and organisation of work in 2013, and beyond:**
  - Technical dialogue (concrete work) on mitigation potential, costs (mitigation costs and co-benefits), and readiness (national policies and implementation plans, technical knowledge and means, financial means and capacity for implementation) and the role of international cooperation and support, in an incentivising manner, focusing on potential and not on restrictions, with thematic focus on areas with considerable global mitigation potential or where experience sharing could be particularly helpful, such as:
    - Phasing out of the production and the consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs),
    - Reduction of GHG emissions from international aviation and maritime transport, working through competent global organizations
    - Promotion of enabling environments for the implementation of clean technologies and climate-friendly investments,
    - Creation of fair market conditions for renewable energy, for instance by gradually phasing out fossil fuel subsidies,
    - Mitigation of emissions from the agriculture sector, including consideration of synergies with adaptation efforts,
    - Encourage further work on international sustainability standards and ecolabelling, at the competent fora.
  - Political dialogue prior to COP19