

Additional Inputs on the work of the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

1. The Government of India welcomes the opportunity to submit additional inputs on the work of Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) in response to the invitation from the Co-Chairs of the AWG-DP vide UNFCCC Secretariat information note HT/AHI/ADP dated June 25, 2012.
2. These inputs are in continuation of India's earlier submissions on the work of Ad-hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform (AWG-DP) for Enhanced Action dated February 28, 2012 and April 24, 2012.
3. India re-emphasizes that work of the ADP shall be in full accordance with all the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.
4. India welcomes the progress made in the work of ADP in Bonn, in May 2012 with the adoption of its agenda and initiation of two work streams, one addressing matters related to para 2-6 of decision 1/CP.17 and another addressing matters relating to para 7-8 of that same decision.
5. India believes that the immediate work under ADP is to create an environment, which is conducive to discussions on development of a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties. Therefore, the work of the ADP till COP-18 should focus on identifying the issues that should inform the Durban Platform in this regard.
6. The workstream for addressing matters related to para 2-6 of decision 1/CP.17 should facilitate discussions on substantive issues, particularly the principles underlying the Durban Platform and the manner in which these principles will be applied. These discussions should be open-ended to capture a wide range of views and to identify the broad areas of convergence. The work should progress sequentially and not in parallel on various aspects of ADP work. This will enhance efficiency of the process and help in achievement of objectives. The work in initial stages should build around defining the scope of work and clearly identifying the deliverables. It may be pre-mature to discuss timelines or milestones even before the substantive issues are identified and discussed.

7. The workstream for addressing matters related to para 7-8 of decision 1/CP.17 should not be mitigation-centric. It should address the issues related to both mitigation and means of implementation in a balanced manner to comprehensively address the ambition gap.
8. The work of ADP will need to be planned in a manner that it can build on the work of AWG-LCA and AWG-KP, though without revisiting the earlier decisions. Further, the issues that may not get resolved under these AWGs may need to be taken on board by the ADP or the permanent subsidiary bodies, the SBI and SBSTA.
9. The work under ADP may be complemented with informal sessions on specific issues, which require focused deliberations to achieve convergence of views. These issues may include Equity, Long term finance and technology.
10. India looks forward to constructively engaging in inclusive, open and transparent discussions to take the work under the ADP workstreams forward and leading to a balanced and successful outcome of the Durban Platform.
