

AWG-KP in Doha: Status – Issues – Solutions

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Status: AWG-KP before Doha

- Significant progress in Durban in 2011
 - 2nd commitment period (CP2) to start on 1 Jan. 2013
 - Many CP2 rules agreed
 - **Follow-up work at SBSTA and SBI: outcomes expected in Doha**
- Challenges for Doha
 - Adopt CP2 amendments, including CP2 length and CP2 QELROs
 - Address “legal” and “operational” continuity from 1 Jan.2013
 - **Complete the work of AWG-KP (started in 2005)**
- AWG-KP negotiating text published on 9 October
 - Based on proposals from Parties up-to-date
 - Contains clear options for most (not yet all) issues
 - **Agreement on key AWG-KP issues appears “within reach”**

Remaining issues (all important)

- 1) Text from Durban (1/CMP.7) or also post-Durban inputs?
 - Parties' views differ on **what should be basis for Doha outcome**
- 2) CP2 length ~ QELROs ~ ambition
 - QELROs = Annex I objectives/commitments
 - Options for CP2 length: 5 years (AOSIS, LDCs, Africa) or 8 years (Annex I Parties)
 - These are not separate issues but **one issue with several facets**
 - Not all Annex I Parties have submitted QELROs yet
- 3) Ensuring “legal continuity” from 1 January 2013
 - To prevent **“gap” from 1 January 2013 until CP2 entry into force**
- 4) Ensuring “operational continuity” from CP1 to CP2
 - **“Eligibility”**: key to maintain mechanisms from 1 January 2013
 - “Eligibility”: two facets – for CP2 Parties and non-CP2 Parties
 - **Decisions will have implications on the carbon market**
- 5) “Carry-over”&”surplus” of tradable units from CP1 to CP2
 - Most relevant to AAUs (assigned amount units) from CP1 to CP2
 - Consolidated G77&China proposal is on the table
 - Still a **difficult issue (option of “no change” also on the table)**

Options for solutions

General: Basis for Doha: texts from Durban only or also post-Durban?

CP2 length ~ QELROs ~ ambition in mitigation efforts

- 1 Length = 8 years, QELROs from Annex I Parties
- 2 Length = 5 years, QELROs from AOSIS
- 3 Length = 8 years, QELROs from Annex I Parties plus “review” or “forfeit” in CP2

Ensuring “legal continuity”: discussions are advancing well

How to enable “toolbox”: provisional application / unilateral declarations / decisions

Eligibility for CP2 Parties: major issue (informal consultations in Nov.)

How to ensure continuation of mechanisms before CP2 entry into force?

How to link AWG-KP decisions with ongoing technical work under SBSTA/SBI?

Eligibility for non-CP2 Parties: divergent views

“No” to any access to KP mechanisms? If “yes”: all mechanisms or CDM only?

Carry-over/surplus: unlimited or limited (if limited, how?)