AWG round-table on the means to reach emission reduction targets:

... d) Possible approaches targeting sectoral emissions

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Different kinds of sectoral approaches ...

- ... some show far more promise than others
- Helps to make some conceptual distinctions, to be clear what we are talking about
 - Efforts vs agreements
 - o Domestic vs transnational
- Hence two points on the continuum → domestic sectoral efforts vs transnational sectoral agreements

Focus

- Context here further commitments of Annex I: sectoral approaches as a means to reach emission reduction targets, more effectively and contributing to sustainable development
- So we should not let ourselves be distracted from the central focus; as part of which, we are considering domestic efforts in various sectors for Annex I, not new transnational agreements
- KP Art 2.1: "Enhancement of energy efficiency in relevant sectors of the national economy"
- Important tool in focus on technologies specific to sectors

Role of sectoral for Annex I Parties

- should not undermine the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities
- No "pick and choose"
- For AIPs, sectoral approaches are means to an end, not an end in themselves
- Sectoral approaches can address concerns about competitiveness. Important also between Annex I Parties. Understand this is a real concern, but again, should not let discussion on sectoral approaches become a distraction. Focus of discussion is climate change, not competition; and here, particularly further commitments by Annex I Parties.
- In making sectoral efforts, AIPs should take care
 - o that sectoral approaches do not to impose trade barriers
 - o that bottom-up approaches may leave a gap to what is required of them

Not the focus

- This is not the forum to discuss cooperative sectoral approaches in support of technology transfer, which will be discussed in LCA
- If AIPs want to assist sectoral efforts in developing countries with MRV finance and technology, discuss in LCA
- Primary focus on efforts in own, domestic sectors
- First show sectoral efforts contribute to QELROs that demonstrate progress in reducing domestic emissions.

Conclusion

 Hope we will all agree sectoral agreements are supplementary to, not substitutes for, national caps for developed countries