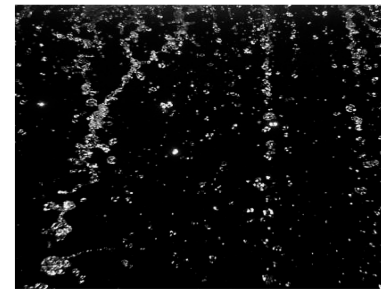




# Methodologies to assess GHG emission levels and global warming potentials under the Kyoto Protocol



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# Overview

- **Methodologies under the Convention**
- **Methodologies under the Kyoto Protocol**
- **Global warming potentials under the Kyoto Protocol**



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# Methodologies under the Convention



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# Methodological and reporting requirements (1)



- Articles 4 and 12 of the Convention
  - **All Parties** to develop, periodically update, publish and make available to the COP **national inventories on GHG** not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, **using comparable methodologies**, agreed by the COP
- Article 7 of the Convention
  - The COP to promote and guide, in accordance with the objective and provisions of the Convention, the **development and periodic refinement of comparable methodologies**, to be agreed on by the COP, inter alia, **for preparing GHG inventories**





# Methodological and reporting requirements (2)



- Article 4, paragraph 2(c)
  - Calculations of emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases should take into account the **best available scientific knowledge**
  - The COP shall consider and agree on methodologies for these calculations at its first session and **review them regularly** thereafter





# Methodological and reporting requirements (3)



- COP decisions on reporting and review
  - Annex I Parties
    - Annual submission of GHG inventory  
(on 15 April), decisions 3/CP.1, 18/CP.8 and 14/CP.11
    - Annual review GHG inventory  
decisions 6/CP.5 and 19/CP.8
  - Non-Annex I Parties
    - Inventory reporting in the national communication, decision 17/CP.8





# Existing methodological framework (1)

- Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (1996), decision 2/CP.3
  - **Mandatory for all Parties**
- IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2000)
  - Conclusions by SBSTA12 and decision 18/CP.8 that operationalize them
  - Mandatory for Annex I Parties
  - Non-Annex I Parties encouraged to use





# Existing methodological framework (2)

- IPCC Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (2003), decision 13/CP.9
  - Mandatory for Annex I Parties as of 2005
  - Non-Annex I Parties encouraged to use







# 2006 IPCC guidelines

- Not adopted under the Convention
  - Parties can use the available methodologies; need to be justified
  - Have to report in current reporting framework and **not** the framework of the 2006 IPCC guidelines
- Consideration by SBSTA 28
  - Annex I Parties to gain experience with the use of methodologies in the 2006 IPCC guidelines
  - SBSTA 30 to continue the consideration of these guidelines taking into account the experience gained by the Parties in applying them





# Methodologies under the Kyoto Protocol for Annex I Parties



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# Kyoto Protocol requirements



- Article 5, paragraph 2
  - **Methodologies** for estimating GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol shall be those **accepted by the IPCC and agreed upon by the COP3**
  - CMP to **regularly review and revise** such methodologies taking into account COP decisions
- Reporting requirements under the Protocol build upon the Convention reporting requirements, decision 2/CP.3





# CMP decisions relating to methodologies

- Overall methodological and reporting requirements, decision 15/CMP.1
  - Annex I Parties to prepare their annual inventories in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 2, and submit them in accordance with CMP and COP decisions





# CMP decisions on methodologies for the LULUCF sector



- Decisions 16/CMP.1
  - Use of the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines and any future elaboration of them and any good practice guidance on LULUCF in accordance with COP and CMP decisions
- Decision 17/CMP.1 and 15/CP.10
  - Use of the IPCC GPG for Article 3, paragraph 3 and 4 activities





# Global warming potentials (GWP) under the Kyoto Protocol for Annex I Parties



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# Article 5, paragraph 2, on GWPs



- The GWP to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub>eq of GHG emissions listed in Annex A shall be those accepted by the IPCC and agreed by COP3
- The CMP to **regularly review** and, as appropriate, **revise** the GWP for each GHG based on the work of, *inter alia*, the IPCC and advice provided by the SBSTA taking into account COP decisions
- Any revision to a GWP to apply only:
  - To commitments under Article 3
  - In any commitment period subsequent to the revision





# GWP for the first commitment period



- Decisions 2/CP.3
  - *Reaffirms* that GWP used by Parties should be those provided by the IPCC SAR (“1995 IPCC GWP values”)
  - Based on the effects of the GHG over a **100-year time horizon**
  - Takes into account the inherent and **complicated uncertainties** involved in GWP
  - For information purposes only, Parties may use another time horizon, as provided in the IPCC SAR







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