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# Swiss contribution

## **Workshop on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties**

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# Ways to enhance the understanding of current targets and actions

## Potential of the workshops on targets/actions and assumptions

- ✓ Understand underlying assumptions, conditions and needs for targets/actions of developed/developing countries
- ✓ Build trust in the negotiations and enhance transparency
- ✓ Facilitate comparability of efforts
- ✓ Increase the level of ambitions



# Structure of the workshops

## Proposal for structuring workshops

- A similar structure in the information provided by Parties during workshops would be highly beneficial
- Suggested way forward:
  - The AWG-LCA 14 may invite Parties to submit their views to the secretariat on key questions that should be answered in the workshops
  - The AWG-LCA 14 may request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis paper on the key questions suggested by Parties
  - The AWG-LCA 14 may invite Parties to respond to the suggested questions in the upcoming workshops



# Possible questions to be addressed in the workshops

*For developed country Parties:*

- accounting rules regarding LULUCF
- accounting rules regarding market-based mechanisms
- accounting rules regarding bunker fuels
- conditions of the current pledge
- possibilities to increase the level of ambition
- conditions to increase the level of ambition



# Possible questions to be addressed in the workshops

*For developing country Parties:*

- actions included in the pledges
- national institutional and/or legal framework of the pledges
- efforts already taken in the past years
- reduction effect in GHG emissions of the actions relative to a reference level and/or in absolute numbers
- accounting rules (market-based mechanisms, REDD+, bunker fuels)
- assumptions in BAU-projections
- estimated cost of mitigation actions, need for international support
- conditions of the pledges



# Current pledge by Switzerland

## Pledge:

Between -20% and -30% by 2020 compared to 1990 levels,

30% if other developed countries commit to comparable emission reductions and developing countries contribute adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities



# Assumptions on the carry-over of units from the first commitment period

- In view of the current projections, no carry-over of AAUs is expected
- Banking of units from the flexible mechanisms by private investors
  - max. 2.5% of AAUs each for CERs and ERUs,  
therefore max. 1.2 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>eq each for CERs and ERUs



# Use of offset mechanisms

Government's proposal:

- 2/3 domestic reductions + 1/3 reductions abroad
- An increase in the reduction target from 20% to 30% involves an increase in the use of offset mechanisms
- Quality criteria for offset certificates

→ These proposals are currently under Parliamentary debate

- No use / purchase of foreign AAUs expected





# Expected contribution of LULUCF

- Depending on accounting rules: net yearly emissions from LULUCF could range between zero (net-net with projected reference level for the period 2013-2020) and 3.97 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>eq (net-net with reference year 1990). 0 emissions is the most likely scenario.

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- 0 – 7.5% of total 1990 emission levels excluding LULUCF  
or 0 – 7.9% including LULUCF



# Additional reduction objective for international bunker fuels

- Current pledge by Switzerland does not include international bunker fuels
- International aviation and international shipping have to contribute their fair share to the goal of stabilizing GHG emissions
- Bunker fuels have to form part of global reduction objectives covered under a sectoral approach



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# Thank you

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