

Information note

Workshop on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties, as requested by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 38

Mandate

1. The Conference of Parties (COP), at its sixteenth session, in Cancun, Mexico, took note of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets to be implemented by Annex I Parties as communicated by them.¹ These targets will be published as an INF. document shortly.
2. The COP further requested the secretariat to organize workshops to clarify the assumptions and the conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties, including the use of carbon credits from market-based mechanisms and land use, land-use change and forestry activities, and options and ways to increase their level of ambition.²
3. The COP urged developed country Parties to increase the ambition of their targets and requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper with the aim of facilitating understanding of the assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties and comparison of the level of emission reduction effort.³

Implementation plan

4. The first “round” of these workshops will be held on 3 April 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand, in conjunction with the sessions of the AWGs scheduled for 5 to 8 April.

General objectives and approach to the workshops

5. As outlined in the mandate for these workshops, the objective is to provide an opportunity for developed country Parties to clarify their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets, the assumptions and the conditions related to the attainment of these targets, including the use of carbon credits from the market-based mechanisms and land use, land-use change and forestry.
6. Other workshops could address other remaining issues, including issues related to options and ways to increase the level of ambition by developed country Parties and in addition could involve some kind of analytical component and also invite participation by relevant experts.
7. All Parties are invited to engage and contribute to the interactive exchange at the workshop. Developed country Parties who may be considering making presentations or specific interventions, are encouraged to consider paragraph 38 of the Cancún Agreement when preparing for their participation in the workshop:

38. Requests the secretariat to organize workshops to clarify the assumptions and the conditions related to the attainment of these targets, including the use of carbon credits

¹ Paragraph 36 of decision 1/CP.16.

² Paragraph 38 of decision 1/CP.16.

³ Paragraph 39 of decision 1/CP.16.

from the market-based mechanisms and land use, land-use change and forestry activities, and options and ways to increase their level of ambition;

Organization of work and expected outcome

8. The agenda for the workshop is presented in the annex. Two sessions of 3 hours each will be allocated for the workshop.

9. The workshop will be built around presentations by Parties. All Parties are invited to contribute to the interactive exchange at the workshop. Series of four presentations will be followed by a 10 minute question and answer session. Parties who may be considering making presentations at the workshop are invited to make either brief and focused presentations (no more than 5 minutes and, if needed, up to 3 slides) or short interventions (no more than two minutes). Parties intending to make presentations are invited to inform the secretariat in advance so that presentations on related topics may be grouped together.

10. Parties wishing to make presentations are invited to contact the secretariat at <lca workshops@unfccc.int> as soon as possible but not later than 29 March 2011.

11. The expected outcome of the workshop will be an oral report by the facilitator to the relevant sessions of the AWG-LCA and SBI upon their invitation.

Date and venue

12. The fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA will be held from 5 to 8 April 2011 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand.

13. The workshop on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties will be held at UNESCAP on 3 April.

Annex

Workshop on assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties, as requested by decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 38

Agenda

10:00 - 13:00

- Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary;
- Presentations by Parties, Q&A;

Break

15:00 - 18:00

- Presentations by Parties, Q&A;
- Closing remarks by the Chair.
