

SA intervention on ICA 15 June 2011

Intro

ICA is distinct from IAR, and the understanding is that it is not a review (ICA ≠ review)
Enhances transparency of action by developing countries – mitigation actions by

Inputs

ICA applies to voluntary mitigation action by developing countries (Egypt, para 50)
Information base – biennial reports.

- Developing country self-reporting in biennial reports to the Secretariat – specify which reports we are talking about.
- There is a distinction between the biennial reports in para 63 and the biennial update reports and that in fact this suggests a frequency of four years, but we agree with the reading by China and Egypt, that frequency is not explicitly stated in 1/CP.16)
- Building on what we said yesterday, we understand this to be biennial reports coinciding with national communications, not updates.
- It is only a PART of the natcomm that is subject to ICA – clearly not adaptation in an assessment of mitigation.

We have given our understanding of the relationship between biennial reports, biennial update reports and national communications, and those to international consultation and analysis. This, together with a consideration of frequency, suggests that we might need a diagram and perhaps a time-line to reach a common understanding.

Supported NAMAs are internationally MRV'ed and do not require ICA whether or not the mitigation actions reported by developed countries have been taken as envisaged

Prompt provision of financial resources to cover the agreed full costs incurred by NAI in prep national communications – and we see biennial reports as coinciding with national communications (appreciate the indication by Aus)

Process

ICA is a facilitative sharing of views, a Party-driven process that respects national sovereignty [EU – interactive, exchange as in workshops – but do not see that applied in IAR, which must be a process with consequences)
Written exchanges among Parties on information submitted by developing countries
Start with information submitted by developing countries
Questions may be posed regarding the reports by other Parties in writing
Developing country concerned replies in writing
Secretariat compiles a synthesis of the information and written exchange among Parties, for all developing countries in the preceding period (e.g. 1 year)
The synthesis report is part of an SBI agenda item, enabling further consultation and analysis

Multi-lateral consultations under the SBI, based on a compilation of the written exchange by the Secretariat

Output

Will result in a summary report
The SBI may take note of the discussions in its conclusions

Such an output would be truly facilitative, in order to promote continuous learning and improvement of actions by developing countries, their voluntary actions

Way forward and next steps

submissions will be useful regarding ICA process, in time for our next negotiating session, before Durban

useful to have a summary from you as co-facilitators on elements of both IAR and ICA

creative – not in reinterpreting what we said, but maybe in drawing diagrams.