

Lebanon Submission

On Mitigation (1bi and 1bii): Low Carbon Development Strategies

1. Low Carbon Development strategies need to be recognized as an important part of the overall mitigation package for both developed and developing countries, and modalities should be developed and linked appropriately into the emerging MRV architecture.
2. Developed countries: in accordance with paragraph 45 of 1/CP.16, should develop low carbon development strategies to clarify how they intend to meet their long-term targets. Such strategies should include:
 - Indicative quantitative domestic economy-wide targets for 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050 that sets out a realistic trajectory towards the agreed long term goal of 2050;
 - The policies and measures that the Annex I Party intends to implement to fulfil its legally-binding quantified emissions reduction obligation in all relevant sectors, including inter alia energy efficiency and renewable energy goals.

These plans should be linked into the biennial reports and national communications, and subject to the process of International Assessment and Review. The first iteration of their low carbon development strategy should be submitted by October 2012 and the first report should be submitted with the country's 6th National Communications in 2014.

3. Developing Countries: in accordance with paragraph 65 of 1/CP.16, developing countries are encouraged to develop low-carbon development strategies with the appropriate financial and capacity building support from Developed Countries. Lebanon sees these strategies as essential to achieve a global paradigm shift to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy, involving all sectors of society, and to assist developing countries in their sustainable development, while avoiding lock-in to a carbon intensive development path. Therefore, adequate financial and capacity building support should be allocated as soon as possible for the development of these strategies. Such strategies should include:
 - The emission reduction potential of the key sectors;
 - The policies and measures required to achieve the aspired emission reduction in the key sectors;
 - The adaptation measures that need to be taken in the different sectors of society;
 - NAMAs and adaptation actions that require support;
 - The financial, technology needs and transfer, and capacity building support required for these NAMAs and adaptation actions.

These strategies should be linked into the biennial update reports and national communications, and subject to the process of International Consultation and Assessment.

4. In Durban, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation should be mandated to develop a framework and criteria for the formulation of the low-carbon development strategies and any additional reporting requirements. Also in Durban, the COP should provide guidance to the GEF to provide immediate funding to developing countries for the development of low-carbon development strategies.