

## **INFORMAL SUMMARY OF THE AWG-LCA WORKSHOP**

### **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**

#### **Summary by co-chairs of issues raised by participants**

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#### **Presentations made by:**

Canada, EU, AOSIS, Switzerland, Ireland, Denmark, Bolivia, Czech Republic, USA. UNFCCC Secretariat (technical paper FCCC/TP/2011/1). Observer organizations: UNEP ("Gap report"), Climate Action Network

#### **Substantive points**

- Acknowledgement that there is an "ambition gap" relative to a long-term global goal. Also that this needs to be reduced.
- Various ways and options were presented to reduce this gap, with differences regarding the appropriate timeframe and space to address it.
- Emission targets addressed through actions in a range of sectors and through a variety of policy instruments and incentives.
- Emission targets toward 2020 placed in a long-term context, emphasizing benefits related to a low carbon development strategy.
- Importance of accounting, including aspects such as the relationship to the Kyoto Protocol; LULUCF; market mechanisms; carry-over of AAUs; and target year or period.
- Progress in operationalizing targets in domestic law and regulation, including domestic policy challenges.
- Perspectives on how an international framework for MRV and IAR can underpin domestic action.
- Relationship between domestic efforts and the use of international offsets; the environmental integrity of offsets.
- Possible effects on developing countries of mitigation actions by developed countries, e.g. with regard to trade and tourism.
- Variety of ways of formulating conditions. Targets often linked to the level of ambition of other Parties and certainty about implementation. Concern that conditionalities may lead to lowest common denominator.
- Approaches to comparability of developed country targets, and whether common accounting rules should apply.
- Reference to the work by international organizations such as IPCC, UNEP, and IEA.

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- Presentation of Technical Paper by Secretariat on the assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of emission reduction targets and a comparison of the level of emission reduction efforts.

**Way forward**

- Calls for continued work in a workshop format. Further work on the current technical paper (TP), as well as on new TP on mitigation potential, and financial flows, as well as on through a work programme, new and updated Technical Papers and expert inputs.
  - Suggestions for a technical paper by the Secretariat based on the existing INF document with submitted NAMAs, with reminders that parameters should be distinct from the paper done for developed countries.
  - Proposals to encourage more structure to presentations and questions.
  - Calls for a written report to be made available to Parties after the workshop to inform negotiations.
  - Calls for updates of technical papers: FCCC/TP/2011/1; FCCC/TP/2008/8; FCCC/TP/2008/2; FCCC/TP/2008/7.
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