

INFORMATION NOTE
Workshop on Enhancing Mitigation Ambition

I. Mandate and background

1. By its decision 1/CP.17, the COP decided to launch a work plan on enhancing mitigation ambition to identify and to explore options for a range of actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties.¹
2. The COP requested Parties and observer organizations to submit their views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition.²
3. The COP also decided to hold an in-session workshop at the first negotiating session in 2012 to consider options and ways for increasing ambition and possible further actions.³

II. General objectives and approach to the workshop

4. The objective of the workshop, as identified in decision 1/CP.17, is to consider options and ways for increasing ambition and possible further actions. The workshop will be the first activity in the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition and will set the stage for further activities.
5. It is therefore envisaged that the workshop will:
 - (a) discuss the ways and means to enhance mitigation ambition;
 - (b) explore what action can be taken, including by the Conference of the Parties, to realize the mitigation potential of the options proposed during the workshop;
 - (c) identify what further activities can be undertaken under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition.
6. Parties and observer organizations are encouraged to engage and contribute to the interactive exchange at the workshop. Contributions can be in the form of short and focussed presentations or interventions. Opportunities will be provided for interactive discussion based on the presentations by Parties and observer organizations.

III. Organization of work

7. In keeping with the objectives and approach outlined in section II above, the workshop will be organized in a structured manner, built primarily around presentations and interventions by Parties and observer organizations.
8. Further information on the organization of the workshop will be made available on the UNFCCC website, taking into account the requests received from Parties and observer organizations.
9. Parties and observer organizations wishing to contribute a presentation or intervention are kindly requested to contact the secretariat at adp@unfccc.int as soon as possible but no later than 13 April 2012, so as to allow the secretariat to plan the workshop in a timely and structured manner.
10. A report of the workshop will be prepared by the secretariat.

IV. Date and venue

11. The workshop will take place on Monday 21 May 2012, during the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) to be held in Bonn, Germany.

¹ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 7.

² Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 8; Submissions from Parties will be made available as a MISC document and on the UNFCCC website at unfccc.int/6656. Submissions from observer organizations are being made available at unfccc.int/3714 and unfccc.int/3689, respectively.

³ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 8.