

WORK OF THE SBSTA INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Agenda item 14

Work programme on clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties

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Note by the co-facilitators

This note is a reflection of the input from Parties during the informal consultations on this agenda item as captured by the co-facilitators. Parties were provided with the opportunity to comment on the content of the note; however, the information contained in this note is not an exhaustive list of issues and options discussed, was not negotiated by Parties, nor does it reflect conclusions by the Parties. Parties may wish to consider this note for continuation of the discussion at the thirty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA).

- Parties welcomed the information exchanged during the in-session event on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties and acknowledged the usefulness of focused expert meetings, technical briefings and submissions by Parties and observer organizations;
- Parties identified that there is a need for further clarification of the assumptions and conditions related to the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties;
- Parties identified that during the course of the work, both elements of the work programme outlined in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 8(a) and (b), need to be addressed at each session of the SBSTA in a balanced manner and that all elements contained in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5, need to be addressed;
- Parties welcomed the information contained in the technical paper (FCCC/TP/2012/5) and reiterated the request to the secretariat to update the technical paper before the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;
- Parties acknowledged that a clustering of the elements contained in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5, is useful for further discussion under this SBSTA work programme;
- Parties started work on elements for which there is a considerable degree of commonality, including global warming potentials and coverage of sectors and gases;
- Parties recognized that the revised “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories”, coming into effect in 2015, will further harmonize the reporting on greenhouse gas inventories, and facilitate the identification of common elements for measuring the progress made towards the achievement of the targets;
- Parties identified that there is a need for further clarification of the role of land use, land-use change and forestry and carbon credits from market-based mechanisms, respectively; Parties acknowledged that effort should be made to engage with other ongoing discussions under the SBSTA and avoid duplication of work. In that regard Parties expressed the need to deepen the technical understanding of these issues in conjunction with SBSTA 39; this could include technical briefings and/or expert meetings;
- Parties also acknowledged that further work is needed to clarify the expected emission reductions, including in relation to the base year;
- Parties acknowledged that developed country Parties will benefit from the progress realized in this work programme when preparing their biennial reports. In addition, the information

contained in the biennial reports, which are due in January 2014, and the international assessment and review process will contribute to the work under this work programme;

- Parties also acknowledged that the identification of common elements and associated technical information will facilitate the consideration of comparability of efforts;
- Parties recalled the invitation for submissions as outlined in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 11.
