Information on intended nationally determined contributions in the context of the 2015 agreement

Draft by the Co-Chairs

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.17, 2/CP.18 and 1/CP.19,

Recalling the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2,

Reiterating that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action shall be guided by the principles of the Convention, as stated in decisions 2/CP.18 and 1/CP.19,

Without prejudice to the legal nature of the contributions of Parties, pursuant to decision 1/CP.19, as well as to the content and form of the protocol, another legal instrument or agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties to be adopted by the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (November–December 2015),

1. Welcomes progress made by Parties in domestic preparations for their intended nationally determined contributions in response to decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(b);

2. Also welcomes the support being provided to developing countries for the preparation of their intended nationally determined contributions;

3. Reiterates its invitation to Parties, pursuant to decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(b), to communicate their intended nationally determined contributions well in advance of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (by the first quarter of 2015 by those Parties ready to do so);

4. Affirms that the scope of contributions is to be nationally determined in the context of Article 2 of the Convention and taking into account existing commitments, provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;

5. Stresses that all Parties should include a mitigation component in their intended nationally determined contributions;

6. Recognizes that the intended nationally determined contributions from developing countries that are the most vulnerable and have the least capacity will reflect their efforts in the context of their national constraints, specific needs and special situations;

7. Notes that intended nationally determined contributions associated with each of the elements referred to in paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17 have unique characteristics and time frames;

8. Notes that the purpose of providing information when putting forward intended nationally determined contributions is to facilitate domestic preparations, as well as the clarity, transparency and understanding of those contributions, without prejudice to the legal nature of the contributions of Parties and to the protocol, another legal instrument or
agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties to be adopted by the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties;

9. \textit{Notes} that the information communicated by Parties on their intended nationally determined contributions should enhance the understanding of whether the aggregate effect of the efforts of all Parties brings global emissions on a pathway consistent with achieving the objective of the Convention, set out in its Article 2, and for holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels, consistent with the scientific findings assessed in the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

10. \textit{Invites} Parties, pursuant to decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(b), to communicate to the secretariat their intended nationally determined contributions by providing information on the type of contribution, time frames and periods, scope and coverage, expected outcomes and any references and accounting approaches used, taking into consideration, as appropriate, the complementary information identified in the annex, in accordance with their national circumstances;

11. \textit{Encourages} each Party to communicate an intended nationally determined contribution that represents the highest level of ambition, while emphasizing that the type, scope or scale of such contribution should go beyond previous actions undertaken in accordance with the obligations of that Party under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

12. \textit{Requests} the secretariat to:

   (a) Make publicly available on the UNFCCC website the intended nationally determined contributions as communicated by Parties and a compilation of the information provided by Parties referred to in paragraph 10;

   (b) Make available a web page on the UNFCCC website where questions can be posed by Parties and accredited observer organizations to other Parties about their intended nationally determined contributions, so as to enable the respective Parties to provide responses to those questions;

13. \textit{Also requests} the secretariat to organize workshops in conjunction with the session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to be held in June 2015 and the subsequent session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action with the objectives of:

   (a) Enhancing the clarity, transparency and understanding of the contributions and their aggregate effect;

   (b) Facilitating efforts by those Parties that have not yet communicated their contributions;

14. \textit{Encourages} each Party to respond to the questions it receives through the web page referred to in paragraph 12(b) above;

15. \textit{Urge} and \textit{requests} developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention and any other organizations in a position to do so to provide support to developing country Parties for the preparation and implementation of their intended nationally determined contributions;

16. \textit{Requests} developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention and any other organizations in a position to do so to submit to the secretariat no later than 31 January 2015, information on the support provided to developing country Parties for the preparation of their intended nationally determined contributions, and on lessons learned from this
collaboration, and requests the secretariat to make this information available on the UNFCCC website;

17. *Notes* the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to this decision and requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
Annex

Complementary information on intended nationally determined contributions of Parties

Mitigation

Option 1:

- Type of mitigation contribution;
- Time frame or time period;
- Base year;
- Coverage in terms of:
  - Geographical boundaries;
  - Sectors;
  - Greenhouse gases;
  - Percentage of total/national emissions covered;
- Baseline emissions and related assumptions and methodologies, including methods for the projection of carbon intensity of gross domestic product (GDP);
- A quantification of expected emission reductions, including, as applicable, estimates with and without land use, land-use change and forestry;
- Annual estimated reduction in emission intensity of the economy;
- Methodologies, emission factors and metrics used, including global warming potentials in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
- Long-term trajectory;
- Expected use of international market mechanisms, including how double counting is avoided;
- Approach to accounting for the land-use sector;
- Estimated macroeconomic and marginal costs of achieving the commitments or targets, describing the methods used to estimate them;
- An indication of additional mitigation action to be achieved through the provision of support;
- Existing and/or anticipated domestic measures, including those with legal force, that support the implementation of the mitigation contribution;
- Any other information to facilitate the clarity, transparency and understanding of the mitigation contribution.

Option 2:

Developed country Parties and other Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

- Information relevant to enhanced action on their specific commitments to undertake mitigation under Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention, similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 5, and its annex I, paragraphs 2–12, using the
relevant common tabular format for submitting such information, as provided in the annex to decision 19/CP.18:

- Base year and time frame;
- Global warming potential values;
- Coverage of gases and coverage of sectors;
- GHG trends/projections and expected GHG emission reductions to 2030;
- The role of land use, land-use change and forestry;
- Carbon credits from market-based mechanisms;
- Associated assumptions and conditions related to the ambition of the pledges;
- Legislations, policies and measures to be implemented related to the INDCs on mitigation;
- Potential social and economic consequences of response measures.

Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (developing country Parties)

- On a voluntary basis, information relevant to their enhanced action to implement the Convention, subject to the provision of support from, inter alia, developed country Parties, in accordance with decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(d), similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 34 and 46, and its annex III, paragraphs 3–13, such as:
  - Underlying assumptions and methodologies;
  - Sectors and gases covered;
  - Global warming potentials used;
  - Estimated mitigation outcomes.

**Adaptation**

**Option 1:**

- Type of adaptation contribution;
- Projected climate impacts and related assumptions;
- Analysis of vulnerable sectors;
- Technology, investment and capacity-building needs;
- Nationally determined adaptation options, adaptive capacity enhancement and their costs;
- Quantification of own investments; own adaptation efforts;
- Programmes and projects per sector, including those identified in the context NAPAs and NAPs;
- Definition of adaptation needs;
- International cooperation, including cooperative actions, international and regional investments to be contributed or required and their timeline;
- Support for international and regional initiatives;
- Types of support by Annex II Parties, such as grants, bilateral funding;
• Delivery mechanism, channel for the support by Annex II Parties;
• Sectors and geographies covered by the various types of support by Annex II Parties;
• Indicative timeline for provision of support.

Option 2:
• Information on the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans, building on the initial guidelines contained in the annex to decision 5/CP.17, including the sectors or geographical areas, the policies included and whether it is a national adaptation plan (or segment(s) of a NAP), a local adaptation plan (or segment(s) of a local adaptation plan) or a national adaptation programme of action (or segment(s) of a NAPA).

Option 3:

Developed country Parties and other Parties included in Annex II to the Convention
• Information on financing to be provided to developing countries pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Convention, similar to the information relevant to the implementation of decision 5/CP.17, paragraphs 21 and 32, decision 12/CP.18, paragraphs 3 and 5, and decision 18/CP.19, paragraphs 4 and 6.

Developing country Parties
• Information on the development and financing needs of national adaptation plans, similar to that identified in decision 5/CP.17.

Finance, technology and capacity-building

Option 1:
• Finance, technology and capacity-building support contribution for adaptation, including for identified adaptation options;
• Finance, technology and capacity-building support contribution for mitigation;
• Quantified financial contributions for capacity-building;
• Scale of support contribution;
• Type of support contribution;
• Time frame or time period for support contributions;
• Channel and delivery mechanism for support contribution;
• Identification of finance, technology and capacity-building needs, including investment needs, related to intended nationally determined contributions;
• A quantification of the national investment made on mitigation and adaptation;
• Policies and measures to provide clarity on where countries are on the pathway to achieving the collective goal defined for the provision of support.

Option 2:

Finance

Developed country Parties and other Parties included in Annex II to the Convention
• Information similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 48, and its annex I, paragraphs 13–20, using the relevant common tabular format for submitting such information as provided in the annex to decision 19/CP.18, specifying the type, amount, sources, channel, mechanism and/or road map for the support, as well as an indication of which resources are new and additional.

*Developing country Parties*

• Information similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, annex III, paragraphs 14–16.

*Technology transfer*

*Developed country Parties and other Parties included in Annex II to the Convention*

• Information similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 48, and its annex I, paragraphs 13–15, 21 and 22, using the relevant common tabular format for submitting such information as provided in the annex to decision 19/CP.18, specifying the type, amount, sources, channel, mechanism and/or road map for the support, as well as an indication of which resources are new and additional.

*Developing country Parties*

• Information similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, annex III, paragraphs 14–16.

*Capacity-building*

*Developed country Parties and other Parties included in Annex II to the Convention*

• Information similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 48, and its annex I, paragraphs 13–15 and 23, using the relevant common tabular format for such information as provided in the annex to decision 19/CP.18, specifying the type, amount, sources, channel, mechanism and/or road map for the support, as well as an indication of which resources are new and additional.

*Developing country Parties*

• Information similar to that identified in decision 2/CP.17, annex III, paragraphs 14–16.

*Other*

• Indicators relating to fairness and ambition and their application;

• A description of how the contribution relates to the objective of the Convention, including how it responds to the need for ambition and for a fair distribution of effort;

• Additional specific information depending on the type of contribution;

• Any other information, as appropriate.