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# Workshop on Mitigation Targets and Actions



## Presentation by Switzerland

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## Questions with regard to Switzerland:

1. What measures will Switzerland take to ensure a maximum of domestic emissions reduction?
2. Why does Switzerland condition the level of its ambitions on the commitments and actions of other countries?
3. How and when will Switzerland decide on moving above the 20% reduction target?
4. What is the impact of forests on Switzerland's pledge?



# **1. What measures will Switzerland take to ensure a maximum of domestic emissions reduction? (I)**

Main national measures (under parliamentary debate):

- CO<sub>2</sub> levy on process and heating fuels
- continuation and further development of the emission trading scheme
- support for renovation of buildings
- technical prescription for new cars
- additional measures may be taken



# 1. What measures will Switzerland take to ensure a maximum of domestic emissions reduction? (II)

In order to ensure complementarity, the current legislative proposals discussed in Parliament foresee that:

- 20% emission reductions to be achieved domestically
- $\frac{1}{4}$  of any additional emission reductions to similarly be achieved domestically



## **2. Why does Switzerland condition the level of its ambitions on the commitments and actions of other countries?**

- The willingness to increase its ambitions depends on the existence of enhanced collective ambition, respecting the principles of responsibilities and respective capabilities.
- By signalling its willingness to increase its ambitions, Switzerland hopes to stimulate ambitions by other countries.

=> race to the top



### **3. How and when will Switzerland decide on moving above the 20% reduction target?**

- The Swiss Parliament will take a decision with regard to the nationally legally binding reduction target, including a flexibility to increase the level of ambition.
- The Swiss Government will decide on the Swiss reduction target within this flexibility, when it has a clear understanding of the form and content of the next phase of the international climate change regime.



## 4. What is the impact of forests on Switzerland's pledge?

- Future accounting rules for LULUCF must be clearly defined.
- The completion of the review process provides Switzerland as well as other Parties with a clear reference level from which to calculate the emissions and sinks.
- Switzerland's projected reference level for 2013-2020 is a de facto emission of 0.22 mio. tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>.