

Arab Group Submission on:

Elements for a draft decision on workstream 2 of the ADP

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Recalling Article 2, 3 and 4 of the Convention

Reaffirming that the policies and measures undertaken by developed country Parties and other Parties under Annex I of the Convention to deal with climate change should be cost effective so as to ensure global benefits at the lowest possible cost, such policies and measures should take into account different socio-economic contexts, be comprehensive, cover all relevant sources, sinks and reservoirs of all greenhouse gases and comprise all economic sectors,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.17, 2/CP.18, 1/CP.19 and 1/CP.20,

Resolving to uphold and promote international cooperation, to enhance the implementation of the Convention and to mobilize stronger more ambitious climate action by all actors,

Emphasizing that enhanced pre-2020 ambition on mitigation, adaptation, provision of means of implementation, including technology transfer, finance and capacity building will lay the foundation to enhance post-2020 ambition and that actions taken to enhance pre-2020 ambition will have significant implications in a post-2020 context,

Acknowledging the legitimate needs of developing country Parties for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty, so as to be able to deal with climate change

Affirming that fulfilling the ultimate objective of the Convention will require strengthening the multilateral, rules-based regime and the urgent and sustained implementation of existing commitments under the Convention,

Stressing the urgency of accelerating the implementation of climate actions to enhance pre-2020 ambition, notably paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision 1/CP.19,

1. Urges Kyoto Protocol Parties that have not already ratified the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to do so;
2. Invites Parties with an existing mitigation commitment/pledge to consider opportunities for enhancing mitigation outcomes as identified through the technical examination process;
3. Recognizes the need to further enhance finance, technology and capacity-building support from developed country Parties to the efforts by developing country Parties related to pre-2020 action;
4. Reemphasizes its request to developed country Parties, in preparing their updated biennial submissions on strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance for the period 2016–2020, to enhance the available quantitative and qualitative elements of a pathway, placing greater emphasis on transparency and predictability of financial flows;
5. Reiterates its request to the Standing Committee on Finance to further explore how it can enhance its work on the measurement, reporting and verification of support, based on the best available information on the mobilization of various resources, including private and alternative resources, through public interventions;
6. Decides to launch an accelerated implementation process for pre-2020 to address, inter alia, the following:
 - a) Sharing the experiences by Parties on accelerating the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Decision 1/CP.19 and para. 17 and 18 of Decision 1/CP.20;
 - b) Taking stock of the progress by institutional arrangements on accelerating the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Decision 1/CP.19 and paragraphs 17 and 18 of Decision 1/CP.20;
 - c) Assessing the adequacy of finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support to developing countries in a holistic manner, including their sustained implementation, informed by the measurement, reporting and verification of the support under the existing finance and technology mechanisms and developing recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on further guidance on the institutional arrangements under the Convention;
 - d) Facilitating further measures on the preparation and implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions

supported by finance, technology and capacity-building by developed country Parties;

e) Evaluating the current arrangements for measurement, reporting and verification of means of implementation from developed to developing country Parties;

f) Sharing experiences on and addressing economic diversification;

g) Addressing the negative economic and social consequences of the implementation of response measures on developing countries;

h) Addressing the adequacy of the commitments and provision of financial and technological support by developed country Parties including their sustained implementation, informed by the measurement, reporting and verification of support under the existing financial and technological mechanisms;

7. Decides to continue this examination under the [COP] [Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement];

8. Resolves to improve the access of, and participation by, developing country experts in the technical examination process;

9. Encourages Parties, Convention bodies, international institutions, and non State actors to cooperate in facilitating the implementation of policy options and actions identified during the technical examination processes, in accordance with national developmental priorities;

10. Requests the secretariat to support and respond to this examination by:

a. Updating, on an annual basis, the technical paper on the mitigation benefits of actions and on initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition;

b. Preparing a technical paper to be made available no later than 30 June 2016 on the gaps, barriers, needs and further opportunities on pre-2020 adaptation action and to update this paper on an annual basis.

c. Preparing a technical paper to be made available no later than 30 June 2016 on the gaps, barriers, needs and further opportunities on pre-2020 access to means of implementation by developing country Parties and to update this paper on an annual basis.

d. Preparing and publishing summaries on the above technical papers for policymakers;

e. Strengthening inter-convention cooperation and coordination;

11. Acknowledging with appreciation the results of the Lima Paris Action Agenda building upon the climate summit convened on 23 September 2014 by the United Nations Secretary General and the growing contribution and importance of these efforts to international cooperation to address climate change;

12. Agrees to:

a. Provide in conjunction with each meeting of the Conference of the Parties an opportunity for announcing actions, voluntary initiatives, and coalitions, including by international institutions and non-State actors, and for recognizing these efforts;

b. Provide meaningful and regular opportunities for the effective engagement of experts from Parties, relevant international organizations, civil society, indigenous peoples, women, youth, academic institutions, the private sector, and subnational authorities nominated by their respective countries;

13. Invites the COP President to further strengthen high-level engagement on the implementation of policy options and actions arising from the technical examination process;

14. Decides to launch a technical examination process on adaptation beginning in 2016, recognizing the unique characteristics, stakeholders, and needs of cooperative action on adaptation with a view to enhance and complement existing arrangements under the Convention by addressing, inter alia;

a) Enhancing the implementation of policies, practices and processes related to transfer and diffusion of technological know-how, including the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans;

b) Identifying actions that could significantly enhance adaptation implementation and also those that have mitigation co-benefits, including through the national adaptation plans;

c) Enabling adaptation financing (in accordance with Articles 4.4 and 4.9, among others) to implement identified actions and to ensure the formulation and full implementation of national adaptation planning processes;

d) Enabling technology support and needs assessments (including appropriateness) as well as capacity building to formulate and implement identified projects, programmes and activities;

- e) Developing methodologies to assess adaptation costs and needs and adequacy of support;
- f) Continuing to promote cooperation on concrete actions on adaptation in accordance with nationally defined development priorities;
- g) Requesting the secretariat to develop a technical synthesis and summary for policy makers of each technical expert meeting including the gaps in means of implementation;

15. Decides to conduct a periodic assessment of the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential and the technical examination of adaptation with the aim of continuously improving their effectiveness.

