# Panel 1. Approaches to measure the progress towards achievement of the targets by developed country Parties

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## Scope of discussion

- To continue clarification of the understanding of assumptions and conditions related to the targets, including:
  - base year
  - global warming potential values
  - coverage of gases and sectors
  - expected emission reductions
  - role of land use, land-use change and forestry
  - role of carbon credits from market-based mechanisms

# Summary of assumptions and conditions related to targets

- Base year: 1990 (2000 and 2005)
- GWPs: IPCC AR4 (IPCC SAR)
- Coverage of gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, PFCs, HFCs, SF<sub>6</sub>
  (+ NF<sub>3</sub>)
- Coverage of sectors: IPCC sectors, economy-wide
- Expected emission reductions: uncertainty related to LULUCF and use of mechanisms (carbon credits)
- LULUCF: comprehensive land-based approach, activity-based approach
- Carbon markets: new market-based mechanism, use of carbon credits from other established mechanisms

# Developments related to approaches to measure the progress to targets

- Decision 15/CP.17
  - Adopts the Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
    - Use from 2015
    - Voluntary use during a trial period (October 2012 to May 2013)
    - Views on experience (3 May 2013)
  - Base year: 1990 (with flexibility for EITs)
  - GWPs to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> eq : IPCC AR4 (WG I)
    - Table 2.14 of the errata, Column entitled GWP for 100-year time horizon
    - Use from 2015 until further decision by the COP
  - Coverage of gases (including NF<sub>3</sub>) and sectors
  - Methodologies to estimate anthropogenic emissions and removals
    - Use of 2006 IPCC Guidelines

#### Role of LULUCF

- New LULUCF elements since the targets were set
  - Decision on LULUCF for CP2 of KP (decision 2/CMP.7)
    - Activity-based approach: some activities mandatory (ARD, FM), others elected (grazing land management, cropland management, revegetation, wetlands drainage and reweting)
    - New pool: Harvested Wood Product
    - Consideration of natural disturbance
  - Some countries: *land-based approach* under the Convention

#### Role of Market-Based Mechanisms

- Most Parties indicate intent to use marketbased mechanisms to achieve the target
  - not clear on assumptions about the scale of use
- Lack of clarity on rules and modalities for the new mechanism to be established under the Convention (decision 2/CP.17)
- Lack of clarify on the links with the KP mechanisms and how mechanisms will be used to achieve the targets under the Convention

### Questions for Panel 1

- Which approaches could be used and further elaborated to measure the progress towards the achievement of targets in a systematic manner, building on existing processes, practices and experiences?
- How Parties see the role of LULUCF and use of carbon credits from market-based mechanisms in the context of their targets?
- What are the areas of commonalities and differences of the approaches used to measure the progress towards the targets by developed country Parties?
- What could be the next steps to elaborate the approaches used to measure the progress in a systematic manner?

## **Additional Questions**

- Do developed country Parties consider the revised guidelines for Annex I reporting as a basis to develop an approach to measure the progress towards achievement of their targets?
- What are the expectations that the LULUCF rules agreed for CP2/KP could help to measure the progress towards achievement of targets under the Convention:
  - natural disturbances
  - harvested wood products