The AGN input on views on review of functions, modalities and work program

Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures
serving the Convention, the Kvoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement

1. Review of the functions of the forum

- a) There is not enough technical work or case studies available to developing countries, and the key lesson learnt is that more such technical analysis must be carried out. For that more tools and methodologies need to be developed and made available as such much more in-depth technical work is required.
- b) Some developing countries have carried out assessments of the overall impact on the economy (using gross domestic product), with a focus on the fossil fuel sector. However, there are many other impacts that should be investigated, such as cross border impacts, impacts on trade, on employment and jobs, on competitiveness and other socioeconomic factors.
- c) Most impact assessments of mitigation policies have so far focused on impacts within developed country Parties. The few assessments covering developing countries were carried out at the regional level and did not include analysis of sectoral, national or subnational impacts.
- d) The importance of assessing the socioeconomic impacts of measures to maximize positive impacts and minimize negative impacts, while considering that the impact of response measures is not limited to national boundaries. Cross boarder impacts must be considered.
- e) Using modelling tools to assess impacts produces highly accurate quantitative results, but usually requires a lot of data and expertise and is expensive, considering that data is the most crucial element in constructing an accurate model. This need to considered in subsequent implementation of the functions and work programme of the forum.
- f) The urgent need to provide financial, technical and capacity-building support to for KCI to develop, use and maintain methodologies and tools, including modelling tools, for the assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of response measures. The tool should be recognized at the UNFCCC level and have a comparative advantage when all parties use it.
- g) There is a requirement for the Forum to begin joint capacity-building efforts with United Nations bodies that serve as observers to the UNFCCC in order to satisfy functions of the Forum related to addressing the effects of the implementation of response measures through cooperation with a variety of stakeholders and various Paris Agreement linkages.
- h) Ensure availability of financial support from particularly MDBs, IFIs and institutional investors, to achieve the transition considering that the rate and pathways of decarbonisation/transition to low carbon economy varies among countries.

In summary there are gaps in implementation of functions of the Forum and its KCI. We support that the functions stay as they are but Parties mandate the forum and KCI to ensure in their work all functions at meet equally. Especially

- 1. Expand cooperation (function d)
- 2. Increase activities/modalities to operationalize functions e and f

2. Review on the work programme of the forum

- a) The forum and KCI should focus on how developed countries will address/minimize the negative impact of response measures arising from the implementation of mitigation actions, with a focus on cross-border impacts including economic, social, and environmental impacts.
- b) There is a need to conduct more region- and country-specific studies to support developing country Parties in their economic diversification initiatives.
- c) Sector-based instruments, policies and initiatives in order to realise the focus of economic diversification and transformation;

- d) Inclusion of country responsive tools and methodologies for assessing the economic diversification and transformation, just transition of the workforce and analyzing impacts of the implementation of response measures;
- e) The tools developed should be reviewed and endorsed by the Forum for wider use and acceptability by Parties with consideration to modify to suit national circumstances needs;
- f) Provision of support to enhance the capacity of developing country parties to carry out their own assessments and analyses of the impacts of response measures, including for cross-border impacts, and for impacts on trade, competitiveness etc.
- g) Provision of support, primarily budgetary allocation to enhance the capacity of the KCI to carry its mandate of undertaking assessment, analysis and development of tools and methodologies of the impacts of response measures, including for cross-border impacts, and for impacts on trade, competitiveness etc.
- h) Address cross-border barriers such as trade barriers, along with ways in which the international community could facilitate increased foreign investment and support in the form of technology transfer and finance such as compliance and price levelling African products under CBAM.
- Non-domestic barriers need to be identified, such as trade barriers, along with ways in which the international community could facilitate increased foreign investment and support in the form of technology transfer and financial support.

The AGN supports that all four work program areas are kept but work under each area are expanded to meet all Policy issues of concern and more action to bring about the critical change needed.

In addition:

We also propose that that the forum and KCI have a standing agenda/activity or work area that is focused on operationalizing recommendations from the forum activities and KCI recommendations.

To respond to function e and f we propose arrangements that help coordinate and track response measures taken by parties that have global impacts. These arrangements should lead to parties having to report on their policies and actions taken to minimize adverse impacts on developing country parties.

3. Review on the modalities

In addition to the existing modalities, the Forum and KCI may consider the following.

- a) Ensure allocation of sufficient time for response measures meetings in SBs and efficient organization of the session to avoid spending much time on procedural discussions.
- b) The Forum must start its work based on the output produced by the forum and secretariat from the previous COPs mandate.
- c) The Forum and KCI to consider engaging with a wide a range of stakeholders (the public sector, the private sector, academia) can help in effective implementation of the work programme and functions of the forum.
- d) The Forum and KCI may consider developing web-based support/decision system to share best practices and update Parties on the progress of the work programme and functions.
- e) The Forum and KCI may consider in country trainings on methodologies and tools for implementing the work programme.
- f) The KCI meetings should be held intercessionally and not consistently held to disrupt regional coordination meetings

- g) The number of days for KCI meetings should be increased to 4 days to respond to the call from members of not having sufficient time to for work
 h) The forum and KCI remain as a modality with the KCI focusing on technical work