

Prompt for breakout discussion D) for Roundtable 1 (TD 1.2): Mitigation, including Response Measures (RT M/RD)

Topic: Response measures - Assessing collective progress in and enhancing efforts made to address the social and economic consequences and impacts of response measures while implementing mitigation policies and actions towards the achievement of the Paris Agreement long-term goals.

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Short summary of relevant findings from TD1.1

The implementation of response measures to climate change can have intended as well as unintended consequences on economies and societies. Such impacts can be positive e.g., creation of new industries and employment, or negative e.g., shrinking industries, loss or employment or income, depending on national and local contexts. TD 1.1 identified a variety of impacts, and the distributional effects which are not the same across countries, industries, communities, and income groups. Parties pointed to the fact that impacts can be trans-boundary. They noted challenges that countries face, in particular, those most dependent on natural resources. Parties noted that a variety of quantitative and qualitative tools and methods are available to assess and anticipate the likely social and economic impacts of the implementation of response measures. TD1.1 discussions highlighted the importance of “prevention” rather than “responses” and stressed that addressing the social and economic consequences and impacts of response measures through just transition policies and economic diversification and transformation can enable higher ambition, maximize the gains from climate mitigation, and minimize or avoid the risks of social and economic disruption.

Prompts for discussion at TD1.2

- a) What specific measures, policies, and programmes can Parties implement to address the social and economic consequences of response measures in national and local contexts?
- b) How can mechanisms for consultation, social dialogue, and community engagement be strengthened to forge social consensus in the implementation of mitigation policies and actions, taking into account equity considerations, in particular with respect to gender and diversity?