

Ad hoc Working Group on further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol

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Australian Perspectives on approaches to LULUCF

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Broad Principles

- What matters is what happens in the atmosphere
 - comprehensive coverage of emissions and removals
 - Leave mitigation options open
- Implications for all elements of this workshop.
 - Gas, sources and sectors
 - Use of wide range of approaches to ensure necessary global abatement occurs



Special consideration of LULUCF?

Uncertainty is a hurdle

- Difficulty in measurement
- Quickly changeable sector
- Geographically specific
- Led to multiplicity of approaches
- The situation has fundamentally changed since we negotiated the Kyoto Protocol and the Marrakesh Accords

Need for robust measurement systems

- Effective measurement systems can provide confidence in emission and removal estimates
 - Essential prerequisite to underpin further action
- Australia's National Carbon Accounting System
 - Built to provide data for KP accounting
 - Being used in deforestation activities

Incorporation of the LULUCF sector

- There are technical challenges in LULUCF, but -
 - Just another sector
 - LULUCF needs to be fully included as a significant part of the range of abatement activities open to Parties
- Action on LULUCF, as in other sectors, needs incentives
 - LULUCF should be fully incorporated into markets

Next generation approaches to LULUCF accounting

- Comprehensive treatment of LULUCF sector – let's not start with the premise that all of our current rules are right
- Should be consistency between rules on LULUCF between Parties and situations
- Need to ensure linked elements are included to ensure no perverse outcomes
 - Biofuels
 - Harvested Wood products



LULUCF Reporting Issues

- Information collected and reported should be comprehensive, consistent and policy relevant.
 - Emissions reported when and where they occur
 - Balance between accuracy and practicality
 - Several issues need to be resolved, including inter-annual variability and natural disturbances



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