Climate Change Mitigation
State of Play in the Negotiations

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The Emerging Mitigation Framework

- Current positions on the emerging mitigation framework:
  a) Many Parties strongly attached to continuation of the KP through a legally-binding CP2
  b) Other Parties focussed on a single legally-binding outcome under the Convention
- Under the Convention many Parties unwilling to advance without clarity on the outcome under the Protocol negotiations
Scenarios for a Durban Outcome on Mitigation

• Possible scenarios for an outcome in Durban on mitigation
  
i. Agreement on legally-binding CP2 of KP
    • and mandate for negotiations of a legally binding instrument with deadline and parameters
  
ii. Agreement to a political CP2 for the KP
    • and setting the objective to work towards a legally binding outcome under the Convention

iii. Limited progress on mitigation
Overview of mitigation under the **AWG-KP**

- **Overarching political issues in the Protocol negotiations**
  - Relationship of the negotiations under the KP to the negotiations under the Convention
  - Questions arising when some Parties speak about CP2 being a transitioning phase:
    - What do they envisage?
    - Are there any “transitional arrangements” for combining outcomes under the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA?
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• Chapter I (Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its Art. 3, para. 9)
  • Scope of amendments (numbers only or wider?)
  • Are Parties ready to engage in specific amendment text which contains several key political issues e.g. share of proceeds, new gases, entry into force provisions
  • Aggregate and individual targets
  • The rules for CP2

• Chapter II (Land use, Land-use change and forestry)
  • Forest management reference levels
  • Force majeur → disturbances
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- Chapter III (Emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms)
  - Lack of clarity on a CP2 hindering progress
  - Continuation of the mechanisms (?)
  - Other issues

- Chapter IV (Basket of methodological issues)
  - New gases – Can NF$_3$ be included in the list?

- Chapter V (Potential Consequences)
  - Permanent Forum vs. Use of existing channels
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Enhanced action on mitigation

Mitigation by developed countries

a) Decision 1/CP.16) Parties inter alia,
   • took note of targets to be implemented by Annex I Parties and urged developed country Parties to increase the ambition of their targets
   • decided to enhance guidelines for reporting by Annex I Parties
   • decided to developed modalities and procedures for international assessment and review of emissions
b) Consideration of whether and how to further formalize the mitigation pledges
c) Progress necessary for Durban outcomes
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**Mitigation by developing countries**

a) In decision 1/CP.16 Parties decided, inter alia, to develop modalities and guidelines for:
   - MRV of supported actions and corresponding support
   - Guidelines for biennial update reports
   - International consultation and analysis (ICA)

b) Parties decided to set up a registry and to develop modalities for facilitation of support to nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) through the registry (para. 57).

c) Progress necessary for Durban outcome.
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Other mitigation areas:

1) REDD-plus

- In Cancun, Parties made progress on necessary elements for the implementation of REDD+ activities (e.g. scope, safeguards, phased implementation)
- Provided clarity on how “readiness activities” should be supported
- AWG-LCA to explore **financing options** for the full implementation of results-based mitigation action in the forest sector and to report on progress to COP17.
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2) Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions (CSA)

Three aspects are discussed in the current negotiations:
• General framework

• Emissions from international aviation and maritime transport (bunkers fuels)

• Work programme on agriculture
  • Challenge is to reach agreeable solutions on all three areas.
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3) Various approaches
   a) AWG-LCA is tasked to elaborate:
      • one or more market-based mechanisms; and
      • one or more non market-based mechanisms
         • to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions
   b) Many textual proposals on the table, mostly on market-based mechanisms
   c) Challenges
   d) Role of new vis-à-vis existing mechanisms
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4) Economic and social consequences of response measures

   a) SBI and SBSTA undertook task of convening a forum on response measures

   a) Challenge: What the AWG-LCA should or can add?

   a) Divergent views:
      • e.g. on trade
Where are we after Panama?

i. Mitigation by developed countries

• Progress on biennial reports and International Assessment and Review (IAR)
• Discussion on level of ambition

ii. Mitigation by developing countries

• Progress on registry, International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) and Biennial Update Reports (BUR)
• Discussions on NAMAs
Where are we after Panama?

iii. REDD plus
   • REDD plus financing
   • Submissions and views

iv. Cooperative sectoral approaches
   • Discussions on general framework, agriculture and bunkers

v. Various approaches
   • Parties’ compilation text

vi. Response measures
   • Discussions on Forum, trade, support and just transition
   • 3 Conference Room Papers
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