

## **WORKSHOPS ON ASSUMPTIONS, CONDITIONS, FURTHER MITIGATION POTENTIAL, DIVERSITY AND NEEDS UNDERLYING THE MITIGATION TARGETS (1bi) AND ACTIONS (1bii), RESPECTIVELY**

### **Swiss Proposal for structure and key questions**

#### ***Background***

The COP, by its decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 38, requested the secretariat “to organize [for developed country Parties] workshops to clarify the assumptions and the conditions related to the attainment of these targets, including the use of carbon credits from the market-based mechanisms and LULUCF activities, and options and ways to increase their level of ambition”.

By the same decision, paragraph 39, the COP also requested the secretariat “to prepare a technical paper based on [developed] Parties’ submissions with the aim of facilitating understanding of the assumptions and conditions related to the attainment of their emission reduction targets and comparison of the level of emission reduction efforts”.

Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 51, also requested the secretariat “to organize workshops, to understand the diversity of mitigation action submitted [by developing country Parties], underlying assumption, and any support needed for implementation of these actions, noting different national circumstances and respective capabilities of developing country Parties.”

#### ***Potential of the workshops***

The workshops have the potential to considerably enhance the understanding of the current targets and actions, respectively, and thus build trust in the negotiations as well as provide valuable input for any related further work, e.g. the elaboration of the registry. To this aim, the workshops would highly benefit from a similar structure in the information provided by Parties.

#### ***Structure and key questions***

Switzerland appreciates the current form of the workshops which provides sufficient time for *Questions and Answers*. Further, Parties may be invited to cluster their presentations around identified key questions in view of ensuring a similar structure of the presentations. In Switzerland’s view, such key questions include:

#### ***Key questions to be addressed by developed country Parties:***

- *What are the conditions of the current pledge(s)?*
- *What is the underlying accounting approach chosen regarding LULUCF in the current pledge and how big is the resulting sink/source?*
- *What are the underlying assumptions regarding the use of market-based mechanisms in the current pledge?*
- *What are the underlying assumptions regarding carry-over?*
- *What are the possibilities and conditions to increase the level of ambition (market and non-market mechanisms, sectorial approaches, bunker fuels, agriculture, etc.)?*
- *What are the methodological and policy assumptions for mitigation actions in maritime and aviation emissions, agriculture and HFCs?*

**Key questions to be addressed by developing country Parties:**

- *What is the expected emission reduction of the pledged NAMAs relative to BAU, a reference level and absolute numbers?*
- *Is the NAMAs economy- or sector-wide or project based? What actions are included (sectors, measures)?*
- *What underlying facts and assumptions are considered in BAU-projections?*
- *What are the underlying accounting approaches (including information on accounting of reductions from market-based mechanisms, REDD+ and bunker fuels)?*
- *To what extent (in absolute / relative numbers) are the pledged emissions reductions conditional on international support? What kind of support is best suited for respective needs (finance, technology, capacity building, methodological needs for monitoring and reporting, etc.)?*
- *What are the achievements of previous climate actions?*
- *What is the national institutional and/or legal framework of the pledged NAMAs (national strategy or plan and/or legislation in place)?*
- *What are the methodological and policy assumptions regarding maritime and aviation emissions, agriculture and HFCs in NAMAs?*

The secretariat should continue to provide written **reports** and make them available to the relevant bodies.

**Way forward**

- Switzerland supports further rounds of workshops at the occasion of next negotiation sessions, including the organization of thematic or sectorial workshops.
- We suggest improving the structure and the comparability of the information made available by Parties at the workshops. This may be done by addressing the same key questions in the presentations. The AWG-LCA Chair may invite to submit what they consider key questions and the secretariat may then make a synthesis of these key questions. Presentations in the next round of workshops would then respond to such key questions.