Mitigation Actions by Developing Countries in Post-2012

- Registry & Credits for NAMA -

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Key issues on mitigation actions by DC?

- How to turn mitigation actions by developing countries into international commitments?
- How to ensure such actions are MRV?
- How to support and enable developing countries with technology & finance?

Guiding Principles

 "Common but Differentiated Responsibility and Respective Capabilities"

- Historical Responsibility international commitment (i.e. binding target or voluntary approach)
- Respective Capability
 responsibility

MRV system on DCs

- For developing countries, economy-wide target is not appropriate due to uncertainty of BAU
- Economic fluctuation high
 - > difficult to predict the future
- Many lack complete & transparent emission inventories
 - > little incentives to establish more complete MRV system

Solution : Registry of NAMA

- Register National Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA)
 - > Voluntary actions based on countries respective capabilities => can provide international status on domestic actions
 - > MRV : comparable to each countries capability
 - Respecting environmental integrity

Provide "Carbon Credits" for registered NAMA

Benefits

- 1) Mitigation can be initiated even without finance & technology (e.g. unilateral CDM)
 - Developing countries can play a proactive role in mitigation while pursuing low carbon development

2) Scaling up Finance & Technology Flow

- Commercial viability of mitigation actions improved (e.g. revenues from the sales of credit)
- Mitigation actions will be driven by market dynamism/private sector
- Global Carbon Market will function as finance and technology transfer mechanism

3) Reduction of Global Mitigation Costs

- Cost of mitigation
 - few~\$20 for developing countries
 - \$153~\$234USD for developed countries
- Global trading system which includes developing countries could reduce global mitigation cost by 70% (Key Elements of a Global Deal on Climate Change : Nicholas Stern)

- 4) Gradual development of transparent MRV system in developing countries
- 5) Contribution to Adaptation
 - Certain share of proceeds can be allocated to Adaptation and Climate Fund
 - 4 issues of Bali Roadmap could be positively addressed

Comparison to other approaches

vs. Binding Target Approach

- > No need for almost impossible negotiation on setting targets
- More likely to promote better MRV system in developing countries

vs. Funding Approach

- More likely to draw more investments from private sector into mitigation actions in developing countries
 - Funding approach is focused on mobilizing finances from government, which have very limited resources

Issues for Operationalization

What is the difference with CDM?

- > Demand Side : Who will buy NAMA credits?
 - Annex I : deeper cut/relaxing supplementarity
- Supply Side : Enhanced CDM
 - Wholesale approach for CDM, program CDM, etc
 - Can build on existing rules of CDM, but need to enhance it in order to operate as a global mechanism

Issues for Operationalization

How to Operationalize Credits for NAMA

- > Agree on principle by Copenhagen
- > Work out details after 2009

Thank You

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