

Remember the Local Actions: From Global Climate Negotiations To Local Initiatives

Need to Speed Up

The negotiations *need to speed up* to agree to the “Paris Rulebook”, the Paris Agreement Work Programme, during COP24 as planned.

We are concerned with the amount of work still required to conclude the substantive draft texts ahead of COP24 in Katowice in December. *Only then* can they reach the deadline set for COP24.

Paris Agreement Work Programme Must Include Poverty Eradication and Local Solutions

The key to success is more than agreeing a text. NDC guidelines must focus on poverty reduction and must include the many local solutions that combine actions with *poverty reduction*. The transparency framework and the global stocktake of climate actions must recognise the local actions, which are harder to count than large-scale solutions. Additionally, poverty reduction should be counted as a criterion of success for actions.

Remember Finance, Technology, Gender as well as Loss & Damage

There also are other crucial issues on the global climate table:

- Climate *financing* must increase, following the pledge by developed countries of 100 billion \$ by 2020.
- The Technology Framework under development must include impact assessments of technologies and must not promote potentially harmful technologies.
- The recently agreed *Gender Action Plan (GAP)* must be followed up with adequate financing to operationalise it.
- For *loss and damage*, outcome of the Suwa expert dialogue, May 2-3, 2018 must reflect the good faith necessary to resolve gridlock from contentious views on support and finance.

Detailed Recommendations on Paris Agreement Work Program

NDC Guidelines

1. **Sustainable development and poverty reduction** should be included as features or context of the NDCs, in the NDC guidelines (APA agenda item 3a), as well as in the transparency framework (APA agenda item 5) as non-GHG benefits. It can be included with references to the Paris Agreement art. 2.1 and/or art 4.1 (4.1 states that *Parties aim for greenhouse emission peaking and reductions in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty*). In the co-facilitators informal note (outcome of COP23), poverty eradication is mentioned in a proposed reference to Paris Agreement art. 2.1, and as a possible new feature “...NDCs to be in line with domestic development or poverty eradication strategies”.

We propose to choose one of these options.

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II. NDCs should be made “in the context of sustainable and low-emission developments”. The reference to sustainable development is in Paris Agreement art.2.1. and 4.1. In the co-facilitators informal note for features of NDC guidelines (APA time 3a) from COP23, there is reference to 2.1.

We propose to keep that and include “.....and low emission developments” (which could be compromise text to agree with countries that are concerned that sustainable development is not low emission)

III. **Civil society involvement and inclusion of local environmental aspects** are important both in the development of NDCs, which should include stakeholder consultations, and when implementing the actions in the NDCs. This should be reflected in the NDC guidelines under APA agenda item 3a (features of NDCs) and under agenda item 3b (information in NDCs). Most developed countries, as well as Korea and AILAC countries, want that NDCs include information on the process of developing it. Some countries, as EU countries, also want the NDCs to specify stakeholder consultations in the process of developing the NDC. **We propose that other countries support that, and also that civil society involvement and inclusion of local environmental aspects are included in features of NDCs.**

IV. Given NDCs are nationally determined; it is important that they **communicate how each country integrates climate change actions in the national development priorities.** This should be included in the guidelines for information in the NDCs (APA under agenda item 3b) as well as within the transparency framework under non-GHG benefits (APA agenda item 5). Some countries, such as EU countries, propose that in the NDCs it is specified how they relate to other development plans or strategies (APA, 3b).

We propose other countries support this and also include it under the transparency framework (APA 5).

Transparency

V. **Accounting rules for NDCs should be regularly updated** with latest scientific findings, including information from IPCC, allowing best available information of greenhouse gas effects and substances to be included. This will, for instance, enable the inclusions of black carbon emission reductions with improved cook stoves. This should be included under guidance for NDCs under APA agenda 3b and 3c as well as under the transparency framework (APA agenda item 5). Some countries agree with the use of the latest IPCC methodology. **We propose other countries to support this.**

VI. **Accounting rules for NDCs should specify inclusion of small-scale solutions.** Small-scale solutions are some of the most important climate solutions for poverty reduction (as improved cook stoves, solar light). **We propose this is included under APA agenda 3b and 3c.**

The Global Stocktake

VII. **Non-party stakeholders should be involved in the global stocktake**, which should be specified in the guidance for global stocktake (APA agenda item 6)

VIII. **There should be clear guidance on the balanced flow of climate finance** towards adaptation and mitigation actions (SBI 47 Agenda item 15)

IX. More awareness should be made and support provided to **increase the global south voices in the Talanoa Dialogue process** ahead of the October 2018 deadline.

Background:

The authors of this document have worked together on promotion of local *eco-village developments (EVD)* solutions to reduce poverty and improve livelihoods. Based on our experiences and successes, we have developed these proposals for the climate negotiations.

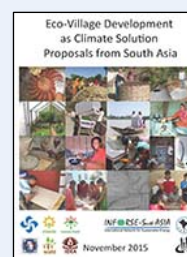
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