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## **CANADIAN INTERVENTION ON METHODOLOGIES**

The Secretariat document is a useful start for setting out the work program for methodological work.

From Canada's perspective, we view Cluster A as the highest priority work as this is important for both current and future implementation of commitments.

We also want to emphasize the close linkages between the Budget process and the methodological tasks -- assessment of the program methodological work cannot be taken in isolation. As the US mentioned, there needs to be a clearer link established between the expected products from the methodological tasks we are discussing in SBSTA, and establishing the funding allocation under the Budget in the SBI.

In this context, we need to bear in mind the principle of fiscal responsibility. This means, from a Canadian perspective, avoiding duplication and the necessity of setting priorities.

On the issue of duplication of efforts, Canada supports the EU comments that the SBSTA avoid duplication of effort with IPCC work underway or planned.

Finally, Canada will also look forward to the discussion on AIJ/JI methodological issues relating to the former agenda item #9, relating to crediting under prospective joint implementation among interested Parties.

### **On JI crediting issue**

Canada feels that the topic of modalities for crediting emissions reductions should be given a high priority within the list of methodological activities of the SBSTA in its work leading up to COP 3.