

and offer other policy dividends. Responding to climate change is, it appears, an effective mechanism for implementing sustainable development, one which promotes an approach that seeks to integrate environmental, economic, social and health considerations.

On the other hand, we also note the conclusion in the synthesis report that 'for the majority of Annex 1 Parties additional measures would be needed to return CO2 emissions to their 1990 level by 2000.' Most Annex 1 Parties clearly are having difficulties in the aim to return their ghg emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

The challenges we currently face in meeting this aim should be used as a lesson for the AGBM negotiations in identifying appropriate quantified emissions limitation and reduction objectives, or targets and timetables, for the post-2000 period. We must set realistic, practical goals which will work to enhance the overall credibility of current negotiations under the Berlin Mandate.