

Draft Framework for Assessment and Analysis of Common Actions¹

Progress Report on the Common Action Study

Annex I Expert Group on the Framework Convention on Climate Change

Interim Report to AGBM2

Overall goal

The goal of the common action study is to broadly assess the relative potential of a range of policies and measures for common action by countries² and Parties listed in Annex I to the FCCC with a view to bringing forward this analysis to the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate.

Context

A description of sectoral emissions trends and sectoral policy trends will be given where appropriate to set the context for assessment of each measure. The revised framework below provides the full range of information desired for broad assessment of selected measures. It may not always be possible to adhere to the framework fully as at times it may be beyond the resources of the project to find all of the necessary information (for example if modelling studies are needed).

Policy objectives

A brief description of the various policy objectives to which the measure is expected to contribute will be given. Policy objectives will not necessarily be primarily or wholly climate related, and can be expressed at various levels of specificity, and may vary from country to country.³

Approach and methodology

A brief description will be given of the approach used to assess the measure, and general methods used e.g. survey of the literature, modelling, or analysis based on estimates and expert judgement. In

¹ The range of definitions for common action includes the following:

- common actions could be specific policies and measures implemented by a group of countries together under some form of agreement, to increase the effect of the measure;
- common actions could involve co-ordination of action to implement the same or similar measures together;
- common action could be an agreement to take actions in a sector towards a given aim or target; or
- common action could simply be successful policies and measures that could be replicated by other Parties.

² Where this document refers to "countries" or "governments" it is also intended to include "regional economic organisations," if appropriate.

³ For example policy objectives for the measure "voluntary agreements with electricity utilities to purchase more wind energy" could be:

- reduced CO₂ emissions from energy (a general objective); or
- increased share of wind energy in electricity supply (a more specific objective); and
- greater diversity in electricity supply (a non-climate objective).