

binding targets, and there is a need to ensure a balance between ongoing improvements in methodologies and the provision of data on the one hand and comparability between Parties on the other.

It was stressed by some delegates that there is a need for consistency and comparability when recalculating inventories for the base and subsequent years. Data gaps, particularly the absence of base year activity data, is an added problem. For others, difficulties arise from changing GWP values since 1990. It was also noted that significant differences can arise depending on the treatment of changes in carbon removal by way of rate of percentage change or change in total stock in the sink and that full methodologies are still being developed for land-use change and forestry emissions and sinks. Participants identified particular difficulties arising from the development of inventories of HFCs, PFCs and SF₆, referring to the significant differences between actual and potential emissions.

As regards the effects of policies and measures, it has become evident that Annex I Parties have significant difficulties in the quantification of particular policies and measures in the tabular format requested by the decision 9/CP.2 of the COP 2, with the result that the information is not as complete as anticipated. It was noted that the quantification of some actions is relatively easily undertaken, and that inherent difficulties attach to others. Methodologies for estimating the projections of effects of specific measures appear insufficient to allow for the different stages of implementation of actions which range from fully implemented to those still at a conceptual stage.

The presentations made at the workshop and the discussion amongst the participants are a stage in the development of a compilation and synthesis report on second national communications from Annex I Parties. The secretariat plans to have the additional information in time for the next session of the subsidiary bodies and it is expected that this work will serve as useful background information in the framework of the AGBM negotiations.
