



CLIMATE**FOCUS**

Cancun Agreements

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Cancun Agreements: LCA and KP

The Cancun Agreements took a significant step forward:

- 1) legitimizing and building on the Copenhagen Accord framework for a future binding agreement before the expiration of Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period
- 2) reestablishing diplomatic trust and buy-in between >190 developed and developing country parties [only Bolivia objecting].



Main elements of the Cancun Agreements

- **Global GHG targets:** 1.5°C -2 °C limit and set global 'peak' in Durban
- **Mitigation commitments:** Formalizes Annex I and dvlp'ing actions
- **Financing:** Adaptation, Green Climate Fund, and potentially the establishment of new market instruments, continuation of KP mechanisms.
- **MRV:** Enhanced reporting/ICA w/ rules TBD for all Parties.
- **REDD+:** REDD+ mechanisms established, based on a phased approach, with strong safeguards

Issues to be resolved at COP17 (Durban, South Africa)

- **Legal form of agreement**

Perspectives on agriculture in the negotiations

- **Details of Annex I and Non Annex I mitigation actions**



History of agriculture in UNFCCC talks

- Multiple references but no dedicated negotiation track
 - Adaptation: no sectoral considerations
 - Mitigation, exclusion from REDD+
- Agriculture receives separate LCA chapter (Bonn; June '09)
- Progress at COP15 in Copenhagen
 - AWG-LCA text and work programme agriculture negotiated
 - Mitigation and adaptation action solicited (NAMAs/NAPAs)
- COP16 Cancun

¹ [FCCC/CP/2010/2](#) ² [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/CRP.a1](#)



LCA Agriculture Text:

FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/CRP.a1

- Need to sustainably improve “efficiency and productivity,” protect smallholders
- Sectoral ag approaches and actions should ensure food security
- Should not “arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination..or restriction on trade”
- Promote R&D, tech transfer to “control, reduce, or prevent anthropogenic GHG emissions”
- Requests SBSTA establish work program (June 2011)
- Invitees Parties’ submissions by 22 March 2011



Stumbling Blocks

Agriculture section removed in LCA-texts³ (Dec '10)

- UNFCCC Secretariat conflated bunker fuels text
- Trade text controversy
 - Sensitivities over developed/developing trade rules hindered open negotiations on topic

³ [Final](#) and [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/CRP.3](#)