

Decision 21/CP.19

General guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Recognizing that the general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties are to be voluntary, pragmatic, non-prescriptive and non-intrusive, take into account national circumstances and national priorities, respect the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions, build on existing domestic systems and capacities, recognize existing domestic measurement, reporting and verification systems and promote a cost-effective approach,

1. *Adopts* the general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties contained in the annex;
2. *Invites* developing country Parties to use the guidelines contained in the annex on a voluntary basis;
3. *Strongly encourages* developed country Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide support to interested developing country Parties, including financial, technical and capacity-building support, and to address specific nationally determined capacity-building needs, through means of implementation, in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Convention.

Annex

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A. Principles

1. These guidelines are general, voluntary, pragmatic, non-prescriptive, non-intrusive and country-driven, take into account national circumstances and national priorities, respect the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), build on existing domestic systems and capacities, recognize existing domestic measurement, reporting and verification systems and promote a cost-effective approach.¹

B. Purpose

2. The purpose is to provide general guidelines, for voluntary use by developing country Parties, based on the above-mentioned agreed principles, to describe the domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported NAMAs.

C. Recognizing, using and reporting on the domestic measurement and verification of nationally appropriate mitigation actions

3. Developing country Parties are encouraged to utilize existing domestic processes, arrangements or systems, including domestically available information, methodologies, experts and other aspects, for domestic measurement, reporting and verification. Otherwise, developing country Parties may wish to voluntarily establish domestic processes, arrangements or systems for the domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported NAMAs.

4. Developing country Parties may, taking into account national circumstances, capacities and national priorities, indicate the general approach adopted:

(a) To establish, when appropriate, and/or recognize, where relevant, inter alia, the institutions, entities, arrangements and systems involved in the domestic measurement, reporting and verification of NAMAs;

(b) To measure domestically supported NAMAs, including the collection and management of relevant and available information and the documentation of methodologies;

(c) To verify domestically supported NAMAs, including the use of domestic experts using domestically developed processes, thereby enhancing the cost-effectiveness of the verification process.

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¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/5, paragraph 89.