

The UNFCCC Post-Cancun

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Inauspicious background to the Cancun Agreements

- Expectations low:
 - Copenhagen aftermath;
 - failure of proposed US legislation;
 - China unwilling to move on international monitoring and verification of emissions reductions;
 - no progress at 2010 meetings
- In first week: statement by Japan and Russia not to accept Kyoto Protocol second commitment period

However...

- intensive and skilful diplomacy by Mexico throughout 2010 and at Cancun, stressing 'inclusiveness', 'transparency' and 'openness' managed to remove mistrust
- Developing and developed countries, realising what was at stake, made significant efforts to get multilateral process back on course

The Cancun Agreements

**COP16 Decision under the
UNFCCC Convention**

**CMP 6 Decision under the
Kyoto Protocol**

***No agreement on “legal form”
of a final outcome***



Agreement under the Convention

Finance

- Fast-track finance \$30bn for 2010-2012
- Target of \$100bn by 2020, from public/private sources
- Green Climate Fund: under COP; WB as interim trustee



REDD - Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation

- **National REDD-plus strategies**
- **Full scope** of REDD-plus – include conservation, sustainable management, restoration
- Social, environmental and governance **safeguards**
- Full and effective **participation of stakeholders, including particularly women, indigenous peoples and local communities**
- **2011: how?**



Cancun Adaptation Framework

- General **guiding principles**
- Examples of **adaptation actions** countries may wish to undertake
 - *incl. “building resilience of socio-economic and ecological systems, including through... sustainable management of natural resources”*
- **National adaptation plans**
- **Adaptation Committee**
- **National and regional centres**
- **2011:** establish Adaptation Committee; how to implement?



Post Cancun: what is needed now

- Emission commitments need to be enhanced
- Accountability systems on emissions reductions need to be established
- Composition and functioning of new mechanisms and institutions created:
 - Funding to developing countries
 - Adaptation Committee
 - Technology Transfer Mechanism

WCPA and UNFCCC – some ideas on ways forward

- Supporting national level action on adaptation
- Supporting national level action on REDD
- REDD and conservation
- Disseminating knowledge and lessons learnt (e.g. Nairobi Work Programme)

Thank You!

