

# Overview of outcomes from Copenhagen in the context of developing country action

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## Overview of key outcomes in Copenhagen

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- Copenhagen marked a new era in climate politics, it raised climate policy to the highest political level;
- Significant progress was made in narrowing down options and in clarifying choices that need to be made on key issues in the negotiations, including on:
  - Adaptation, new technology mechanism, a capacity-building framework and a governance structure for finance;
  - Mechanism to record actions seeking support and corresponding support;
  - Channels for provision of information to the Convention on measures to address climate change and
  - Consideration of above information, among others.

## Non-annex I National Communications

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- National communications from non-Annex I Parties are most likely to remain as the key channel for provision of information to the Convention
  - a) Planned and implemented actions are proposed to be reported through national communications
  - b) Result of the domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically funded mitigation actions are proposed to be reported through national communications
  - c) National communications are proposed to be put through consultation and analysis



## Non-Annex I National communications

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- National communications have the potential to provide policy guidance for addressing climate change in developing countries. For e.g.
  - a) Information on national circumstances can provide overall understanding of climate change concerns in the context of national development priorities;
  - b) Vulnerability assessment and understanding of impacts allows for development of adaptation strategies and for formulation of policy frameworks for implementing those adaptation strategies by integrating them into medium and long term development planning process;
  - c) Similarly, mitigation analysis, identification of programmes and measures, and formulating policy frameworks for implementation allows for developing strategies to integrate mitigation measures into national development priorities;

## NAI National communications - Moving forward

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- Preparation of national communications represents an opportunity to transform the process from merely reporting to the development of strategic and policy support tool. They can/need to be used as a vehicle to:
  - a) Develop institutional structure to sustain the national communications processes and subsequently to institutionalize climate change responses;
  - b) Formulate arrangements to collect and manage data for continuous inventory preparation, including institutional arrangements for a sustainable inventory process;
  - c) Engage in policy dialogue - create public awareness for mainstreaming climate change concerns at different levels of the public sector;
  - d) Assess institutional arrangements to identify how best to engage stakeholders in linking climate change concerns to sectoral and national planning.



## NAI National communication – moving forward

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- Elements of national communications can prepare a country for planning and formulation of NAMAs and their implementation:
  - a) Mitigation analysis allows for Parties to develop mitigation scenarios, identify mitigation options, assess the mitigation potential and cost of mitigation;
  - b) Technology needs assessment allows for identification of technology needed for particular mitigation and adaptation measures;
  - c) The process of identifying constraints and gaps and related financial, technical and capacity needs gives opportunities to understand well capacity gaps and needs for technology transfer and financial support for a country to implement mitigation and adaptation measures;
  - d) These and other elements of national communications can be used to gain insights into readiness/preparatory phase of NAMAs and their implementation.

# Thank you

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