Understanding the Current Situation After Paris and APA1

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Main Components of the Paris Agreement

1. Overarching objectives
   • Universal but differentiated: all participate
   • Ambitious objective: well below 2C target, zero net emissions
   • Stronger institutions: legal treaty, transparency, compliance
   • ‘There is no turning back from low-carbon, resilient pathway’

2. Mitigation and “nationally determined contributions”
   • All Parties shall submit, implement and regularly update nationally determined contributions
   • All Parties shall take domestic measures, with the aim of achieving NDCs
   • NDC shall be transparent and accountable
   • All Parties should strive to develop and communicate LEDS
Main Components of the Paris Agreement (II)

1. Transparency and accountability
   • Paris Agreement established an ‘enhanced transparency framework’ with built-in flexibilities
   • All Parties shall regularly provide: i) national inventory; ii) information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs
   • This information will be subject to technical and peer-to-peer review

2. Global stocktake and regular rounds of revision
   • NDCs ≠ 2C, but addressing climate change is a long process
   • Parties shall review every 5 years collective progress in achieving the agreements objectives
   • And on that basis provide updated, stronger NDCs every 5 years
   • Starting with the ‘facilitative dialogue’ in 2018, and the next round of contributions in 2020
Main Challenges Going Forward

1. Implementing the Paris Agreement
   - Establishing the detailed rules and procedures, notably for
     - Transparency
     - Stocktaking and review
     - Finance
   - Entry into force

2. Main challenges with implementing NDCs
   - Early implementation is essential
   - Translating NDCs into sectoral roadmaps and policies
   - Mainstreaming NDC implementation across government
   - Maintaining a sense of collective action
   - Competitiveness concerns, distributional issues, trade-offs and synergies