

Submission by Saudi Arabia

Views on matters related to the Framework for Various Approaches

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the work program for elaborating the Framework for various approaches in line with decision 1CP/18 which Invites Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit their views on the matters referred to in paragraphs 44–47, including information, experience and good practice relevant to the design and operation of various approaches.

Saudi Arabia is of the opinion that the framework for using various approaches, including markets, to enhance mitigation actions was an agenda item that was originally introduced as part of the Bali Action Plan among many other agenda items that are collectively geared towards meeting the objectives of the Convention. Therefore, it is a very integral part of the total Bali action plan package and should always be viewed in the context of the balance and complementing other elements such as adaptation, finance, capacity building and technology transfer.

As such, It must be emphasized that Parties may develop and implement various approaches, including opportunities for using markets and non-markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries. With that said, the framework should ensure differentiation between developed and developing countries and that the convention principles of equity and CBDR should not be compromised.

Furthermore, the framework for various approaches must be based on a set of guiding principles, key among them;

- Market-based mechanism established under the Convention should not introduce emission reduction commitments for developing countries;
- Ensures voluntary participation by Parties and preserves the ability of Parties to develop other market-based mechanisms in accordance with their national circumstances;
- Emission reduction commitments of the developed country Parties should be achieved mainly through domestic efforts and market-based mechanism could only play a complementary role;
- Promotes mitigation outcomes and emission reductions that are real, permanent, additional, and verified, avoid double counting of effort and achieve a net decrease and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions;
- Promotes transparency of information and is consistent with UNFCCC guidelines for measurement, reporting and verification, including biennial and national communication reporting guidelines;
- Market-based mechanism established under the Convention should cover a broad segment of the economy, as well as project-based, subject to the discretion of the host

country and that its modalities and procedures should be comparable to those established under the Kyoto Protocol.

Saudi Arabia believes that the work program for elaborating FVA should provide clarity on the purpose of the FVA and better assist in making the design decisions, including: the extent and nature of FVA guidance under the UNFCCC. It should also provide clarity on the potential use of various approaches under the FVA, and provide better understanding of the future decisions on possible use of various approaches; markets and non-markets based mechanisms, and the application in different segments of the economy.