



Measuring, Reporting and Verifying (MRV) Developing Countries' Mitigation Actions: An Overview of Current Negotiations

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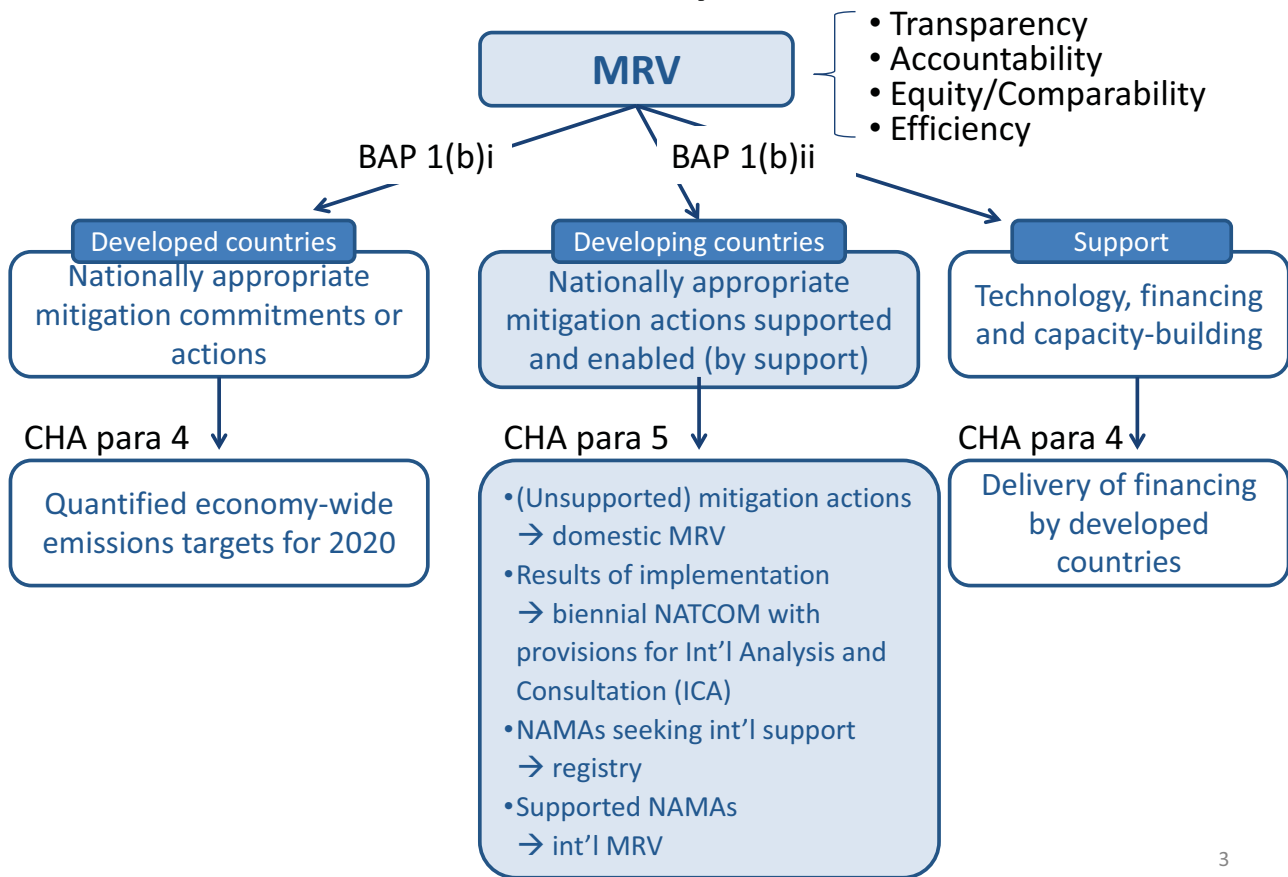
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Purpose and Outline

- Purpose of presentation
 - To review the current status of international negotiations on MRV for developing countries' mitigation actions
 - To put the side-event presentations into the context
- Outline
 - Brief history of MRV
 - Divergence after COP15
 - Observation
 - Way Forward (linking today's presentations)

Brief History of MRV



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Divergence after COP15: Two Fundamental Questions

- Should mitigation actions by developing countries, whether supported or unsupported, undergo some form of MRV?
 - Some Parties put the negotiation text's paragraphs related to MRV/ICA in brackets.
 - Others support the language of CHA.
 - Others propose more concrete framework for MRV/ICA.
 - The split of views does not fall along developing and developed country lines.
- What are NAMAs and "mitigation actions" concerned?
 - Negotiation Text (FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/14) → no consensus
 - [...voluntarily] undertake nationally appropriate mitigation actions [(NAMAs)] [REDD programme], enabled and supported by finance, technology and capacity building...
 - [Nationally appropriate] [M][m]itigation actions supported by ...
 - ...[voluntary] domestically funded [nationally appropriate] mitigation actions...
 - What are relations between NAMAs and those actions listed in the Appendix II of the Copenhagen Accord?

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Divergence after COP15: MRV Process

Int'l MRV

- Some parties argue that supported NAMAs shall **not** be subject to int'l MRV.
- Majority of Parties favour int'l MRV of supported NAMAs
 - What should be measured, and how?
 - What kind of information should be reported, by which media, and how often?
 - Who should verify?
 - What is the role/function of registry in MRV?

Domestic MRV

- Some Parties put the paragraph related to domestic MRV in brackets.
- Majority of Parties favour domestic MRV of domestically-funded mitigation actions. But, to what extent should domestic MRV follow international rules?
 - Need to address elements which are requested to report biennially
 - Verification: Reviewers meeting int'l standards of independence
 - With provisions for facilitative ICA

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Divergence after COP15: ICA Process

- Proposed process for ICA (Negotiating Text, para. 41-43)

Int'l analysis

- Who conducts?
 - Independent panel of experts
 - representing all regions
 - rotating experts selected
- What to analyse?
 - Correct application of methodologies
 - Implementation status
 - Effectiveness
- How to conduct?
 - In-country visit
 - Mtg. with Party representatives

Int'l consultation

- By what form?
 - Exchange of views under SBI
 - Among Parties
 - Between Parties and experts
- What to consider?
 - Pledges and implemented actions
 - Emissions trends
 - Areas for capacity building
- What would be outcome?
 - Technical recommendations
 - Identification of areas for improvement
 - Policy recommendations, if requested

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Observation

- Step-back from the Copenhagen Accord
 - Developed country Parties made detailed proposals for MRV/ICA procedures, while being largely silent about MRV for their commitments (mitigation and support).
 - Some developing country Parties fiercely reacted to such proposals.
 - Some Parties tried to ignore the Copenhagen Accord, while others favour building upon the Accord.
- Mutual distrust
- Erosion of constructive atmosphere

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Way Forward

- More balanced discussion on MRV issues
 - MRV for developed countries' commitments and actions (mitigation and finance)
 - MRV for developing countries' mitigation actions
- For MRV of developing countries' mitigation actions to be effectively designed, it is important to:
 - Improve understanding of the existing domestic monitoring, reporting and evaluating procedures in developing countries
 - Improve understanding of the contents and characteristics of mitigation actions by developing countries
 - Mr Fukuda's presentation will look at actual pledges listed in Appendix II of the Copenhagen Accord.
 - Examine lessons learnt from international processes, such as CDM and other treaties
 - Dr Mizuno's presentation will focus on MRV in CDM.

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