Draft list of detailed upfront information for consultation

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This draft list for consultation elaborates on paragraph 14 of the Lima Call for Climate Action, to provide greater detail and clarification on each element of information agreed by the COP for Parties that wish to provide additional transparency when submitting their INDCs. If you have any feedback on this draft list, please email your comments to David Rich at drich@wri.org.

Paragraph 14 states: “The Conference of the Parties...Agrees that the information to be provided by Parties communicating their intended nationally determined contributions, in order to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding, may include, as appropriate, inter alia, quantifiable information on:"¹

1. The reference point (including, as appropriate, a base year)
   - Base year and base year emissions, base year emissions intensity, or projected baseline scenario emissions (as relevant)

2. Time frames and/or periods for implementation
   - For outcomes: target year or target period and long term target (if applicable)
   - For actions: date actions comes into effect and date of completion (if applicable)

3. Scope and coverage
   - Sectors covered
   - Greenhouse gases covered
   - Geographical coverage
   - Percentage of national emissions covered

4. Planning processes
   - For outcomes: existing or planned domestic policies, actions, and/or targets that will support implementation of the mitigation contribution, their legal status, and the implementing entity/entities
   - For actions: name or title of actions, legal status, implementing entity(ies)

5. Assumptions and methodological approaches including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and, as appropriate, removals
   - Assumed inventory methodologies and GWP values to be used to track progress
   - Related to international market mechanisms:
     - If known, the anticipated quantity of transferable emissions units that will be sold/transfered or retired (if unknown, any limit on the quantity of units that may be counted towards the target)
     - If applicable, the types and years of units to be used
     - How units will ensure environmental integrity and avoid double counting
   - Related to accounting for emissions and removals from the land sector:
     - Treatment of land sector (included in the target boundary; treated as a separate sectoral target; used to offset emissions within the target boundary; or not accounted for)

¹ The text of paragraph 14 is in bold. Additional details are in bullets below each item.
o If applicable, coverage of land-use activities and categories as compared to total emissions from the land sector
o If applicable, assumed accounting approach for the land sector (accounting relative to a historical base year/period, forward-looking baseline, without reference to base year or baseline scenario emissions) and the level against which emissions and removals from the land sector are accounted, including policy assumptions and methodologies employed
o If applicable, any use of a mechanism to address natural disturbances

• Relevant to GHG reduction targets relative to a projected baseline scenario:
  o Whether the baseline scenario is static (will be fixed over the period) or dynamic (will change over the period)
  o The cut-off year for policies included in the baseline scenario, and any significant policies excluded from the baseline scenario
  o Projection method
  o Emissions drivers included and assumptions and data sources for key drivers
  o For dynamic baseline scenario goals, a recalculation policy and significance threshold used to determine whether changes in emissions drivers are significant enough to warrant recalculation of the scenario

• Relevant to GHG reduction targets relative to emissions intensity:
  o Projected emissions intensity in the target year/period
  o Data sources used for unit of output

• Relevant to policies and mitigation actions put forward as contributions:
  o If relevant, targeted outcomes in other non-GHG indicators
  o Methodologies used to estimate the GHG effect, including baseline scenario and assumptions used to estimate GHG effects
  o Uncertainty of estimated GHG effects (estimate or description)
  o Information on potential interactions with other policies/measures

6. How the Party considers that its intended nationally determined contribution is fair and ambitious, in light of its national circumstances, and how it contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2
  • Comparison of the contribution to multiple indicators related to fairness, such as:
    o Emissions responsibility (e.g., historical, current, or projected future emissions per capita or total emissions), economic capacity and development indicators (e.g., GDP per capita, indicators related to health, energy access, etc.), vulnerability and capacity to adapt to physical and social impacts of climate change, relative costs of action and mitigation potential, benefits of action (co-benefits), or other factors
  • Comparison of the contribution to multiple indicators related to ambition, such as:
    o Projected business-as-usual emissions, total mitigation potential based on mitigation opportunities determined to be technically and economically feasible, and benchmarks for the annual rate of decarbonization, or other factors
  • Comparison of the contribution to multiple indicators related to achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2, such as:
    o Anticipated national emissions in the target year/period if the contribution is achieved, the quantified GHG impact of the contribution, the intended peaking year and peaking emissions level (if known), the annual rate of decarbonization, any long-term mitigation goals, plans to limit cumulative emissions over time, or other factors

7. Other information
  • For outcomes, type of target and target level
  • For developing countries, additional mitigation action that could be achieved through other sources of finance, if applicable
  • Additional information, explanation, or context as relevant