

The UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol

| Where are we heading after Montreal-2005?

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Outline

- Key achievements in Montreal
- Montreal as a watershed?
- What could the future hold for us?
- Where are we heading after Montreal?



Key Achievements in Montreal

- High participation – awareness
- Two-track approach on the future
- Operationalization of the Kyoto Protocol
- Adaptation package
- Technology cooperation
- Other outcomes



High participation – awareness

- 10,000 participants – 120 Ministers
- Much political attention
- G8 Gleneagles
- UN World Summit
- 1st COP-MOP of the Kyoto Protocol



Two-track approach on the future

- Track 1: Kyoto Protocol
 - Open-ended, ad hoc working group on Article 3.9 (Future actions by developed country Parties)
- Track 2: Convention
 - Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change
 - Informal, non-binding, not negotiations leading to new commitments
 - Including all Parties
 - Sustainable development, adaptation, technology and market-based opportunities
- [Track 3: Kyoto Protocol]
 - Article 9 (review of the Kyoto Protocol)



Operationalization of the Kyoto Protocol

- Adoption of the “Marrakesh package”
- Compliance decision (+ process for amendment)
- Formal launching of CDM and JI
 - 68 projects registered ~500 in the pipeline
 - CDM is now up and running, and improving
 - Carbon markets strengthened (+ve if not conclusive signal)
- Capacity-building support for the CDM



Adaptation Package

- SBSTA 5 year work programme
- Agreement on the use of LDC Fund for NAPA implementation
- Launching a one-year process to agree on Adaptation Fund
 - workshop in Canada in March-April



Technology Cooperation

- IPCC Report on Carbon Capture and Storage
 - Key mitigation option for future
- Launch the review of the Framework for Technology Transfer and the ToR for the Expert Group on Technology Transfer



Other outcomes

- Role of tropical deforestation in GHG mitigation
- Streamlined reviews for Annex I Parties
- Secretariat budget 2006-2007
- Continuation of the LDC Expert Group (LEG)
- Further SBSTA work on mitigation (workshops)
- Etc.



Montreal – success or failure?

- Substantial output in SBs, COP and COP-MOP
 - => success
- KP Parties have agreed to consider future commitments
 - => success
- **All** Parties have agreed that CC is a problem, and have agreed on a dialogue on how to tackle it
 - => success
- Emissions continue to rise, impacts are increasingly visible, little to show
 - => not very successful



Montreal a watershed?

- 1990-2005 UNFCCC and the KP – binding international agreements
- December 2005 agreement on a “dialogue” – perhaps start of a new era in CC negotiations?
- In 2005, all UNFCCC Parties agree that CC is a problem
- Huge divergence in how to move forward => Dialogue could explore the potential futures
- SOGE was first step



What could the future hold for us?

- Target based futures?
 - i.e. KP-style agreement continued, expanded?
- Voluntary agreements?
 - e.g., Asia-Pacific Partnership
- Technology agreements?
 - e.g., specific countries or sectors
- Developing country commitments?
 - when and in what form?
- What do Parties want???



Where are we heading after Montreal?

- Bonn for SB24
 - Beginning of the two-track consideration for the future
 1. AWG on Article 3.9 of the KP
 2. Informal dialogue under the Convention
- Nairobi(?) for SB25/COP 12/COP-MOP 2
 - Formal beginning of the Review of the KP (Art.9)

=>Are we still all in the same boat,
heading in the same direction?



Thank You!

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