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Enhancing ambition successively: roles, drivers, and institutional arrangement (draft)

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Article 4, related to NDC

1. ...Each party's successive nationally determined contribution will represent a progression beyond the Party's then current nationally determined contribution and reflect its highest possible ambition, reflecting its CBDR&RC, in the light of different national circumstances...
2. In communicating their nationally determined contributions, all Parties shall provide the information necessary for clarity, transparency, and understanding..
3. Each parties shall communicate nationally determined contribution every five years...
4. All Parties should strive to formulate and communicate long-term low GHG emission development strategies...

Questions

1. What roles can NDC play?
2. How to compare NDC among Parties? (criteria and methodologies)
3. How to interpret individual NDC into global ambition/targets?
4. What are the drivers for Parties to determine their NDC and what are the trends of these driver changes over time?
5. How to ensure “successive” and “a progression” by institutional and mechanism arrangement?

Roles of continuously enhancing ambition

- Draw stakeholders' attention and set up a shared value and vision
- Squeeze out the enhancing potential derived from negotiation and the changes in market and technologies
- Send clear message to investors and practitioners for their decision making
- Ensure progresses in implementing int'l and nat'l policies
- Help speeding up restructuring economies and development of new climate friendly sectors
- Bridging gap based on scientific perspectives

Drivers to determine enhancing ambition

- Latest scientific findings and corresponding education, communication, and awareness improvement
- Real technological changes: cost and applicability, learning curve, dissemination rate
- Change of price, demand, and supply in market
- Stage of development: income level, structure, sources of growth and development strategies

Institutional arrangement in continuous ambition enhancement

- Principle:
 - encouraging;
 - balanced and comprehensive and inclusive, broad linkage with other policy matrix
 - Who do what?
- Objectives
- Elements
- Process of decision making
- Process of complying with the institutional arrangement (per int'l cooperation via link of, e.g., carbon market, lowering abatement cost)

Outstanding issues

- Ambition (matrix, level, timing, and comparability...)
- Equity (sharing approach, ...)
- Incentives: Means of implementation - how to arrange? How to achieve?
- Transparency
- Hesitate to commit high ambition with no-backsliding principle (negative effect of backsliding)
- Linkages between issues/agenda items

Institutional arrangement in continuous ambition enhancement

- Value, knowledge and information sharing and diffusion and communication mechanism
- Stakeholders identification: their roles, behaviors, and participation
 - Country parties, FCCC
 - Multinational enterprises, incl. financiers
 - Sub-national: cities, communities
 - Media, civil society
 - Academic, think tank, developers,
- Interest analysis: powers, rights, and interest identification
- Design and consult deals to reflect concerns and dynamic interests of all stakeholders: define responsibility, rights, and interests (for incentives)

Thank you for your attention!

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