

Africa's key priorities and expectations for COP22

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Africa highly engaged

- ▶ African countries engage in the climate change negotiations in united manner under the auspices of the :

African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN) currently chaired by Mali,

African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) currently chaired by Egypt,

Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) also chaired by Egypt.

- ▶ to ensure that these conferences deliver for Africa as the most vulnerable continent and in line with its common position based on African Union and AMCEN decisions.

Africa's Special Contribution to the Success of the Paris Agreement

- ▶ 53 African INDCs of a total of 187, that are being transformed into NDCs for COP 22 and beyond
- ▶ Mostly all African countries signed the PA on 22nd April 2016 in New York.
- ▶ AGN chaired by Mali is organizing meetings and preparing submissions for COP22 (LC, Strategic,...)
- ▶ Around 30 African countries are in the process of ratifying the PA prior to its entry into force.

AGN Key Priorities for COP 22 (1)

- The need to have substantive technical discussions and guidance on **adaptation communications** under the APA with the view to defining and operationalising the **Global Goal for Adaptation**. Guidance relating to adaptation is critical as it is a central component of African countries' NDCs.
- It is crucial to provide **clear guidance in terms of information** to be provided by Parties in their NDCs in order to facilitate credible transparency and global stocktake processes.
- Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the **transparency framework** for action and support shall build on experience from the arrangements related to transparency under the Convention.

AGN Key Priorities for COP 22 (2)

- The need to ensure effective **periodical stocktakes**, every five years, of the efforts by Parties for implementing the Paris Agreement and **assessing the collective progress** towards achieving the long-term goals,
- The need to establish an effective **compliance regime**,
- The importance of a platform for considering the **coherence, consistency and rigour of the work across the multitude of bodies** mandated to prepare work for the implementation of the Paris Agreement,
- The necessity of **getting all African countries prepared for a successful COP22**, by preparing and organizing AGN meetings and participating to others. And through its lead coordinators, the AGN is drafting African Submissions for COP22.

AGN Key Expectations for COP 22 (1)

- **Adopt comprehensive decisions** including work programmes to maintain the political momentum to ensure the **expedited and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement**.
- Adopt decisions to facilitate preparation for an **early entry into force of the Paris Agreement** with the participation of all Parties to the Convention.
- Promote effective mobilization of additional **financial resources and support** needed for the implementation of NDCs and the Paris Agreement. Including the consideration of the role of the **Adaptation Fund** under the Paris Agreement.

AGN Key Expectations for COP 22 (2)

- Decision for the crystallization of adaptation as an important outcome of Paris through tangible, **concrete results on adaptation action** for vulnerable countries in Marrakech; including agreeing on **minimum information for adaptation communications** and concrete mandates for the quantitative definition and operationalization of the global goal on adaptation and other adaptation provisions of the Agreement.
- Decision to significantly **increase ambition by all Parties and stakeholders** during **pre-2020 period** including on financial resources for supporting adaptation and mitigation actions by developing countries.
- Promoting implementation of concrete initiatives for example the **Africa Renewable Energy initiative (AREI)** and **African Adaptation initiatives (AAI)** should be key at the conference.

AGN Key Expectations for COP 22 (3)

- All African countries participating to the Marrakech COP need to **get prepared** to an **early entry into force** of the Paris Agreement. And **get ready** as COP 22 may/will convene the **first CMA**. In such situation, the following possibilities are to be considered:
 1. The COP may call for a **symbolic CMA₁** during the high level segment and celebrate the Paris Agreement. It may also decide on the way forward between the CMA and the APA on the issues of continuation, suspension and/or termination.
 2. The COP may call for an **effective and full CMA₁**, with a provisional agenda, election of its officers and conducting negotiations in informal and formal groups.
 3. The COP may call and **immediately suspend the CMA₁**, to let the APA continue its work until 2017/2018.
- Under all possibilities, there is a need to consider the situation of ***countries that would not have ratified*** the Paris Agreement and will participate as observers only.

I thank you.