

# Conference on Climate Change Issues and Opportunities

## **Delhi COP Perspective** Stocktaking and Recent Developments

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“...I want to talk to you today about climate change, which I believe may well be the greatest challenge that your generation will have to face...”

**Kofi Annan**  
**20 May, 2001**  
**Commencement Address**  
**at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University**

# Presentation

- Negotiations
- Delhi: Elements of COP 8
- Host Country Perspective
- Process in Recent Times
- Political Aspects
- Substance
- Linkages to the COP
- Assessment

# The Agreements

- U.N. Framework Convention
- Berlin Mandate
- Kyoto Protocol
- Buenos Aires Plan of Action
- Bonn Political Agreements
- Marrakech Accords

# History of Negotiations

- COP 1: for strengthening developed country commitments
- COP 2: endorsed IPCC Second Report
- COP 3: adopted Kyoto Protocol
- COP 4: work programmes for negotiations
- COP 5: synthesis and consolidation of texts
- COP 6: suspended; reconvened – political agreement
- COP 7: translated political agreement into decisions

# Marrakech Accords

- Clean Development Mechanism
- Joint Implementation of Projects
- Land-Use, Land Use Change & Forestry
- Compliance
- Reporting
- Funding of Developing Countries
- Guidance to GEF
- Adverse Effects and Impacts
- Transfer of Technology
- Capacity Building

# Delhi COP:

## Agenda Issues from COP 7 – (1)

COP 7 decisions: indicate the issues to come up at COP 8

### GEF

- Implementation of Capacity Building Framework
- Operation of LDC Fund and Special Climate Change Fund
- Work Programme for LDCs and Adaptation Programmes

### Subsidiary Bodies

- Responses to Adverse Effects
- Technical standards: Registries, Transaction Logs
- Good Practices: Emission Sinks & Sources
- Assigned Amounts & National Registries
- Policies and Review & Compliance Mechanism
- Transfer of Technology: Reporting

# **Delhi COP:**

## **Agenda Issues from COP 7 – (2)**

### UNFCCC Workshop Results

- Adverse Effects & Impacts: Modeling Activities
- Insurance & Risk Assessment
- Information Exchange: Adaptation
- ‘Sinks’: Definitions, Modalities, Methodologies
- Policies & Measures

### CDM

- Small Scale Projects: Modalities & Procedures
- Baselines & Monitoring Methodologies

# COP 8 – Thematic Direction

Direction for political outcomes:

- linkages: climate change - sustainable development
- partnerships: developed - developing countries
- vulnerability and adaptation,
- capacity building,
- disseminating technologies
- resource mobilization .

# Backdrop to COP 8

- Question of KP Entry into Force
- U.S. Approach to Climate Change
- Existing COP Decisions: Operationalisation
- Johannesburg Outcomes
- Sustainable Development
- Adaptation Priorities
- IPCC Findings
- Mitigation Debate
- Second Commitment Period

# Process

- Two Tracks: Convention and Protocol
- June 2002 Subsidiary Body Meetings at Bonn: A Summing Up
  - Canada's Clean Energy Exports Initiative
  - Developed Country Commitments
  - Transparency & Access
  - IPCC Third Assessment Report
  - HFCs/PFCs
- October 2002 COP at New Delhi: The Outlook

# Political Aspects

- The Negotiating Groups
  - “Umbrella Group”
  - European Union
  - G-77 & China:
  - AOSIS, Africa, LDCs, Oil Exporters
- COP 8: Distinctive Character
- U.S. Approach to the Protocol
- Approach of Developing Countries
- Kyoto Protocol: Prospects for Entry into Force

# Substance

- Response to Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation
- Mitigation: Sources and Sinks
  - Domestic Policies and Measures
  - Kyoto Mechanisms: CDM, Emission Trading, Joint Implementation
  - Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry
- Impacts, Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation
- Compliance
- Financing for Developing Countries

# Overall Backdrop and Linkages to COP 8

Marrakech Ministerial Declaration, November 2001

- sustainable development
- increasing risks of the negative impacts of climate change, particularly on developing countries, including LDCs and small island states
- need for synergies between UNFCCC, UNCBD and UNCCD, and recognition of problems of poverty, land degradation, access to water, food, human health
- capacity building
- technology dissemination

Johannesburg Summit, August – September, 2002

GEF Assembly, Beijing, October, 2002

# An Assessment

KP Entry into Force: Russia is key

Scope for U.S. re-entry

Without U.S.: Impact on CDM - CER demand

Hot-air supply

Revenues from Kyoto Mechanisms

Sinks: Political Compromise

Financing for Developing Countries

Least Developed Countries

Africa

Small Islands

South Asia

# COP 8 : Host Country Perspective

- Purposeful Conference: Resolve Conflict – Build Consensus
- Enhance National Standing in Global Statesmanship
- Sustainable Development: Prioritising Needs of Developing Countries
- Furthering National Environmental Profile
  - Initiatives for Sustainable Development
  - Responses to Climate Change
- Generating Information, e.g., Vulnerability to Climate Change
- Identifying Investment Opportunities in Environmental Business
- Involving Scientific, Technological and Industrial Communities
- Public Awareness
- NGO Synergies
- Media Participation: mega-event

*“Everything should be made simple,  
but not simpler”*

**Albert Einstein**

**Thank you**