International Climate Change: Perspectives on Paris

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Perspectives on Paris

1. Success

• Durable System responding to Climate Change
  - global participation vs. Annex I Parties only (KP)
  - NDC with progression in every 5 yrs
  - public registry vs. annex (KP)
    : no amendment to treaty required
    : no ratification required for updating NDC

• Global Participation reflecting Common Responsibility
  - self differentiation based on bottom-up approach
  - adoption of concepts not reached on consensus
    : Mother Earth, climate justice
2. Factors in Success

• Affirmative Positions of U.S. & China
  - change of Chinese position
    : no more Protocol under UNFCCC at AWG-LCA
    : tough domestic problem of air pollution

• Leadership of France
  - bilateral consultations at 1+1 meetings
  - failure in Copenhagen
  - success in Cancun
2. Factors in Success

• Strong Will and/or Recognition of Inevitableness of All Parties
  - need financial support
  - different approaches in negotiations
    : open-ended roundtable discussion
    : Co-chairs’ leadership vs. party-driven process

• Commitment to high level of Financial Support and ‘Loss & Damage’
  - first priority of most of G77
  - in particular, w/ respect to adaptation
3. “Expectable” Success

- Expression of strong support by U.S. & China
  - most of G77: vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change
    - need to get support – the last chance for a while
  - major emitters among developing countries
    - inevitable consequence
    - willingness of bearing their own responsibilities

- Disregardable Justice of Environment Protection & Human Survival
  - strong warning from science
3. “Expectable” Success

• Strategic Process in Negotiations
  - open ended consultations
    : capture main ideas of parties
    : avoid huge volume of negotiating text
  - encouraged excise of leadership of ADP co-chairs
    : no argument on party-driven process
    : delete duplicated/unusual/unacceptable proposals

※ AWG-LCA: huge volume of proposal compilation
  : strong emphasis on party-driven process
4. Standing at the Starting Point

- NDC reflecting the highest possible ambition (art. 4, para. 3) &
  Informed by the outcomes of Global Stocktaking (art. 4, para. 9)
    - international & domestic economic situation
      : relief from political pressure of industries
    - development of new technologies & renewable energies
    - international cooperation is necessary
      : providing support to developing parties is essential
4. Standing at the Starting Point

- Information Necessary for Clarity, Transparency, Understanding of Mitigation Contribution (art. 4, para. 8)
  - essential for trust-building
    : avoid race to bottom
  - development of further guidance by APA (1/CP.21, para. 28)
    : ensure equitable burden sharing
  - not specify mitigation in texts of Paris Agreement & 1/CP.21
    : art. 4 – mitigation, para 28 under title of mitigation
  - capacity building for developing parties required
4. Standing at the Starting Point

• Domestic Mitigation Measures pursued w/ the aim of achieving the objectives of NDC (art. 4, para. 2)
  - tone downed obligation
  - ‘effective’ implementation of measures can contribute
    : exchange of information & sharing of experience are helpful
    : Ex: EU ETS, French Bonus-Malus on Automobiles)

• Setting a quantified mobilization goal at least USD 100 Billion/yr by CMA prior to 2025 (1/CP.21, para. 54)
  - possibly guarantee continuous participation of developing parties
4. Standing at the Starting Point

- An Enhanced Transparency Framework for building mutual trust and confidence & for promoting effective implementation (art. 13, para. 1)
  - clarity & tracking of progress towards achieving NDC regarding mitigation & adaptation
  - clarity on support provided & received
  - informed into global stocktaking
  - technical expert review on information relating to mitigation & support (information relating to adaptation is not subject)
  - common modalities, procedures, guidelines by APA (para. 92)
  - ‘single’ common framework w/ built-in flexibility (art. 13:1)
4. Standing at the Starting Point

• Global Stocktaking of the Implementation of Paris Agreement
  - assess collective progress
  - every 5 years from 2023
  - inform Parties in updating & enhancing actions & support
  - identifying sources of input & developing modalities by APA
    (1/CP.21, paras. 100, 102)

• Mechanism for Facilitating Implementation & Promoting Compliance
  - no possibility of enforcement function
  - consist of a committee which is facilitative in nature
5. Pathway to Achieve the Goal

- **ambitious NDC w/ information w/ progression**

  - **Transparency Framework**: Technical Expert Review
  - **Global Stocktaking**: assess collective progress