

Summary of NAMAs Discussion

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Financial assistance to competitive sectors in Developing Countries?

- Pro – assistance key to getting action by DCs
- Con – subsidizes competitors
- Alternatives: limit assistance to techs like CCS and to financing for SMEs

Criteria for awarding NAMA support?

- Country taking action to remove barriers and offering finance of its own? (MX, CH)
- Are there activities that deserve certainty of A1 support? Cap and trade, capacity building, transformational policies?
- Support activities in sectors which do not lend themselves to trading – e.g. urban transport policies

Additional Observations

- Fundamental tradeoff exists between maximizing amount of inexpensive offsets for A1 consumption and getting substantial contribution to protection of the atmosphere thru developing country action
- Distinctions between sectoral NAMAs and other NAMAs needs to be clearer – can non-sector-wide NAMAs ever earn carbon credits or are they strictly limited to conditional NAMA status w/ up-front financing?

Add'l Observations (2)

- Important to recognize connections between policies for different sectors and optimize them – e.g. Mx oil, cement, and electricity policies
- Is it more important to seek consistent policies and technologies across countries for a given sector or to pursue least cost solutions (c&t), even if this means a particular sector may buy credits elsewhere rather than making redux w/in the sector?
- Bottom-up approach clearly needed to adequately reflect political realities in each country – challenge is equal in A1 and DCs