



POLICY FRAMEWORK

NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE POLICY

Session 5 Presentation
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THE POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT



- A document entitled “*The National Climate Change Response Policy - Discussion Document for the 2009 National Climate Change Response Policy development Summit*” was circulated to registered Summit delegates and published on the Summit website on Monday, 2 March 2009.
- This Policy Framework (or annotated table of contents) is a conference discussion document summarising a set of information and policy proposals that underpin the debate at this Summit and that will form one input into the Green Paper to be published for public comment in April 2010.

PART ONE: BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION



- The challenge of climate change and its science
- The international climate change regime and the UNFCCC negotiations
- Climate change and Africa

PART TWO - SOUTH AFRICA



- Climate vulnerabilities, impacts and adaptation
 - Climate observations and trends
 - Projected climate scenarios
 - Water Resources and Hydrology
 - Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - Biodiversity and ecosystems
 - Human health
 - Rural livelihoods
 - Urban environment

PART TWO - SOUTH AFRICA (Cont.)



- Greenhouse gas emissions and South Africa's mitigation potential
 - Introduction
 - The 2000 Greenhouse Gas Inventory
 - The Long Term Mitigation Scenarios

PART THREE - THE SOUTH AFRICAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE



- South Africa as a global citizen
- GHG Emission reductions and limits: a peak, plateau and decline trajectory.
 - Greenhouse gas emissions stop growing (start of plateau) in 2020-25 at 550 Mt CO₂-eq
 - Greenhouse gas emissions begin declining in absolute terms (end of plateau) in 2030-35
 - Long-term greenhouse gas emission level reduces to levels required by science by 2050-60
- Build on, strengthen and/or scale up current initiatives – energy efficiency, renewable energy initiatives, regulatory reform including economic and fiscal measures

PART THREE - THE SOUTH AFRICAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE



- Implementing the “business unusual” call for action – R+D and innovation support
- Preparing for the future
 - New Technology
 - Resource identification
 - People-oriented measures
 - Transition to a low-carbon economy
- Vulnerability and adaptation – need for vulnerability and risk assessments to inform planning interventions to build resilience and adapt to the impacts of climate change
- Alignment, coordination and cooperation – building institutional alignment and societal coherence in relation to climate change responses

THE PURPOSE OF THE FRAMEWORK



- To provide an initial focus for future policy discussions and debates;
- To provide a starter framework on which to build the Green and White Papers; and
- To provide affected sector departments with an indication of possible information gaps that will need to be filled during the policy development process.

THE FRAMEWORK IS NOT...



- A draft policy;
- Cast in stone;
- Exhaustive;
- Reflective of all positions and opinions; and
- A fully up-to-date synthesis of the most recent research findings.

WHAT FOLLOWS...



- The Summit is being recorded and DEAT will study the transcripts for possible additions to the evolving document;
- All Summit delegates are also invited to submit written comments and suggestions by mid-May 2009;
- Based on these submissions and submissions from sector departments, a draft zero policy document will be compiled and circulated for comment in August 2009
- Finally, this Summit itself will inform the process of how this framework evolves into a White Paper.

INITIAL FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS



- Session 6A – Mitigation
 - Gallagher Grill
- Session 6B – Adaptation: Natural Resources (Water, agriculture, forestry, marine and terrestrial biodiversity, etc.)
 - Ballroom (plenary venue)
- Session 6C – Adaptation: Health and the Built Environment (Infrastructure, emergency response, disaster management, etc.)
 - Auditorium (next to plenary venue)

PURPOSE OF THE FOCUS GROUPS



- Provide a platform for all key climate change response stakeholders to share their vision and/or expectations in respect of a National Climate Change Response Policy
- To this end,
 - The group facilitator will orientate the group around the specific topic of discussion;
 - Delegations that have indicated to the Summit organisers that they wish to read a short statement are given the opportunity to do so **NOT LONGER THAN 3 MINUTES**;
 - Time permitting, any other delegations wishing to provide a short statement are given the opportunity to do so; and
 - Throughout the discussions, the facilitator will note key detail or cross-cutting issues that may require more detailed discussion in smaller groups
 - A summary of all the key points will be presented to plenary on Friday.



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