India’s Proposal on Guidance for Nationally Determined Contributions

The current problem of global warming and climate change is empirically proven to be result of, *inter alia*, historical anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases emissions. Therefore, India proposes that guidance under Agenda Item 3b and 3c pf APA should be applicable as per the following option as detailed below. This option is in addition to the one contained in India’s earlier submission made jointly with China.

I. Substantial elements on information

Option 2

i. Further information guidance for Parties with share of more than or equal to 1 tonne Carbon equivalent per person-year in cumulative Historical (1800-1990) Per Capita GHG Emissions and thereby bearing historical responsibility for climate change

(a) General information of NDCs

• all the items listed in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21;
• in particular indicating whether their NDCs include mitigation, adaptation and/or support to developing country Parties through information on “scope” referred to in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21;

(b) Information on mitigation component of NDCs

• the entire information in relation to their absolute economy-wide emission reduction targets and measures relevant to the implementation of their targets at the domestic and international levels, including the general information in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21 and other information as set out in decision 2/CP.17 and 19/CP.18;
• information on domestic measures, including both existing and anticipated additional laws, plans and policies;
• information on international measures, including joint implementation as set out in Articles 4.16-4.18 of the Paris Agreement and the intention to use international transferred mitigation outcomes under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;

(c) Information on adaptation component of NDCs

• relevant information as set out in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21 and information related to the adaptation communication referred to in Articles 7.10 and 7.11 of the Paris Agreement, taking into account the outcome of APA agenda item 4;

(d) Information on support to be provided component of NDCs

• indicative quantitative and qualitative information in accordance with Articles 4.8, 9.5, 10 and 11 of the Paris Agreement and paragraphs 27 and 55 of decision 1/CP.21, as well as taking into account relevant information requirements as set out in decision 19/CP.18;
• Specifically, the information on finance may include, *inter alia*:
  ➢ base year,
  ➢ period for implementation,
quantitative amount in the following two years and five years,
➢ sources, including ratio between public and other resources,
➢ delivery channels,
➢ areas and priorities of support,
➢ relevant assumptions and methodologies for accounting the financial resources, estimating public finance, identifying resources mobilized by public interventions and other policies and attributing private investment,
➢ actions to make available the public finance, policies to attract finance flows from other resources and the causality between public interventions and mobilized investments, and
➢ fairness and ambition including why such financial resources are new and additional and how such financial support will assist developing country Parties to implement their NDCs.

• The information on technology may include, inter alia:
  ➢ types of support,
  ➢ relevant amount of financial resources to be provided,
  ➢ delivery channels,
  ➢ areas and priorities of support,
  ➢ programmes and projects to be conducted by public agencies,
  ➢ plans and policies to encourage the participations by business and research institutes,
  ➢ measures on incentivizing innovation, promoting international collaboration on R&D, demonstration and deployment and facilitating the access to technologies and address barriers to their transfer to developing countries,
  ➢ relevant methodologies and assumptions on estimating their support, and
  ➢ fairness and ambition, including how such support will assist developing country Parties to implement their NDCs and increase their access to climate related technologies.

• The information on capacity-building may include, inter alia:
  ➢ types of support,
  ➢ relevant amount of financial resources to be provided,
  ➢ delivery channels,
  ➢ areas and priorities of support,
  ➢ policies, programmes and projects in different areas of capacity-building,
  ➢ relevant methodologies and assumptions on estimating their support, and
  ➢ fairness and ambition, including how such support will assist developing countries to strengthen their capacities on combating climate change.

ii. Further information guidance for Parties with share of less than 1 tonne Carbon equivalent per person-year in cumulative Historical (1800-1990) Per Capita GHG Emissions
(a) **General information of NDCs**
- paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21 as a reference list for developing country Parties when preparing their NDCs and providing their information;
- information on several or all of the items listed in paragraph 27 of decision 1/CP.21 at their discretion, taking into account their diversified NDCs, national circumstances, capacities, data availability and support received for preparation and communication of the NDCs;

(b) **Information on mitigation component of NDCs**
- taking into account the general information of NDCs above, if applicable;

(c) **Information on adaptation component of NDCs**
- taking into account the general information of NDCs above, if applicable and the outcome of APA agenda item 4;

(d) **Information on support needed related to NDCs**
- to be encouraged to provide information on the costs and barriers on implementing their NDCs and needs on finance, technology and capacity-building support.

II. **Specific elements for accounting**

**Option 2**

i. **Further accounting guidance for Parties with share of more than or equal to 1 tonne Carbon equivalent per person-year in cumulative Historical (1800-1990) Per Capita GHG Emissions and thereby bearing historical responsibility for climate change**

(a) **Accounting for mitigation component of NDCs**
- Methodologies on GHGs – to apply the IPCC 2006 guidelines and continue taking the lead in applying any updated good practice methodologies accepted by the IPCC and ensure methodological consistency, including base years, baselines, reference levels, and assumptions, between the communication of NDCs and inventory and report on progress;
- Methodologies and methodological consistency on other aspects of mitigation component of NDCs, – to use comparable methodologies and approaches to explain their other aspects of mitigation component of NDCs, including domestic emissions, policies and utilization of international transferred mitigation outcomes, and to ensure methodological consistency between the communication of NDCs and reporting on implementation;
- Categories of emissions and removals – to account for their economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets, with a view to ensuring all gases, sectors, sinks and activities included;
- LULUCF related accounting – to apply relevant rules under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and guidelines accepted by the IPCC, with the improvement of the existing rules on LULUCF to close any loopholes;
(b) **Accounting for support to be provided component of NDCs**

- Finance component of NDCs – to account for their NDCs on financial support in accordance with the modality to be developed referred to in paragraph 57 of decision 1/CP.21, in order to ensure the requirement of “new and additional” and avoid double counting on financial support;

- Technology and capacity-building component of NDCs – to account for their NDCs on technology development and transfer and capacity-building in accordance with the modalities and methodologies to be further developed under this sub-item, with a view to clarifying the definition and scope of technology development and transfer and capacity-building support, developing the appropriate methodologies to count and calculate the scale and possible effects of such support and avoiding the double counting.

ii. **Further accounting guidance for Parties with share of less than 1 tonne Carbon equivalent per person-year in cumulative Historical (1800-1990) Per Capita GHG Emissions**

(a) **Accounting for mitigation component of NDCs**

- Methodologies on GHGs – to follow the IPCC methodology by choosing the most appropriate IPCC guidelines in light of their different capacities and circumstances.

- Methodologies and methodological consistency on other aspects of mitigation component of NDCs, – to be allowed to utilize their own methodologies and approaches to explain other references, parameters and other aspects of content in their NDCs, as appropriate, while making their best endeavor to ensure methodological consistency between communication and implementation.

- Categories of emissions and removals – to be allowed to choose the categories of emissions and removals, including sectors and gases covered in their NDCs, in a nationally determined manner;

- Forest related accounting for developing country Parties – may account for their actions on forest and REDD+ in accordance with the relevant arrangements under the Convention if their NDCs include such aspects, without implicitly or explicitly leading to any requirement to undertake mitigation actions in agriculture;

(b) **Accounting for support needed related to NDCs by developing country Parties**

- To be encouraged to use clear, concise and transparent methodologies or approaches to explain the costs, barriers and support needed related to their NDCs.

India reserves the right to make additional submissions and present further views on the relevant issues connected with guidance for Nationally Determined Contributions.