

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP *for* CLIMATE ACTION



Framework for a New Global Agreement on Climate Change

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Our Mission

- To mobilize political will and offer a vision for international cooperation on climate change – a roadmap for Bali and beyond.
- To create a comprehensive framework (all countries, all sectors, sources & sinks, adaptation as well as mitigation) and address the difficult issues that have hampered negotiations.

Our Membership

- 6 former Presidents, 7 former Prime Ministers , 12 prominent leaders in government, business, civil society, and intergovernmental organizations from diverse geographic and substantive backgrounds
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Our Approach

- Under the auspices of UNFCCC, negotiations should pursue four pathways for negotiation – mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance

Mitigation: Targets and Timetables

GLCA Recommendations:

- Consistent with common but differentiated responsibilities, all countries agree to reduce global emissions at least by 60% by 2050
- As a first step, developed countries agree to reduce their collective emissions by 30% by 2020
- Rapidly industrializing countries agree to reduce their energy intensity by 30% by 2020 (about 4% per year)
- All sources and sinks

Harness Market Mechanisms

- Putting a price on carbon is essential

GLCA Recommendation:

- Harmonized, universal carbon taxes are the best and preferred system
- Cap-and-trade schemes are generally favored by industry

Adaptation –Prepare for the Inevitable

- LDCs are most vulnerable – w/out adaptation steps, poverty alleviation efforts will be set back.

GLCA Recommendations:

- Substantial resources for adaptation are required, including:
 - A new climate fund
 - Increased ODA
 - Support for adaptation centers similar to CGIAR

Accelerate Technology RD&D

- A technology revolution is required, but R&D expenditures are declining

GLCA Recommendations:

- Increase global R&D spending to US\$20 billion/year
- Create a Consultative Group on Clean Energy Research

Financing Climate Response

GLCA Recommendations:

- Establish a climate fund with innovative structure and transparent governance, starting at US\$10 billion/year and growing to US\$50 billion/year
- Resources derived from:
 - Increasing official development assistance
 - Carbon Finance

Finance: CDM and Carbon Markets

GLCA Recommendations:

- Clean Development Mechanism has high potential but needs reform
- CDM is only one of the many emerging carbon markets that can be tapped

Concluding Comments

- The gravity of climate risk demands immediate action
- Kyoto Protocol was a first step, not a solution
- To reach a new global agreement, we must build trust between all countries
- The transition to a clean energy future creates economic opportunities for all countries