

Annex I Expert Group on the UNFCCC

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The Annex I Expert Group (AIXG)

The Annex I Expert Group is a group of government delegates and experts from Annex I Parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It was established in 1994 to address analytical issues related to the UNFCCC, and, more specifically, issues related to the commitments of Annex I Parties under the Convention. Participants include OECD member countries (including Mexico and Korea) and countries with economies in transition. The Group normally meets twice a year.

The role of OECD and IEA

The OECD and IEA provide secretariat support to the Annex I Expert Group. They prepare analytical papers on issues relevant to the ongoing climate change negotiations. These papers may also be useful to national policy makers and other decision-makers. While authors work with the Annex I Expert Group to develop these papers, they do not necessarily represent the views of the OECD or the IEA, nor are they intended to prejudge the views of countries participating in the Annex I Expert Group. Rather, they are Secretariat information papers intended to inform member countries, as well as the UNFCCC audience. All AIXG working papers can be downloaded from the website: www.oecd.org/env/cc/aixg

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Past Contributions and Recent Work

Early OECD and IEA work under the Annex I Group provided guidance on how to share information under the Convention on GHG emission performance among countries, for example, through standardised reporting of national emission inventories and on GHG mitigation policies. Analytical work from the Group later laid the groundwork for the inclusion of emission trading and other market instruments in the Kyoto Protocol, generating widespread support for the use of these mechanisms to keep mitigation costs low.

Sharing information on national mitigation policy design, implementation and performance is another part of our work, as is looking at how climate change interacts with other economic and sectoral policies. Our work has also provided insights on how to improve the use of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and emission trading to advance mitigation objectives of the Convention.

Recent Annex I Expert Group work includes: sectoral approaches and their possible role in future climate actions; options to implement Bali Action Plan text on “measurable, reportable and verifiable”; differentiation; incentives to reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; adaptation; seminars with experts from developing and developed countries.

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