## **UNFCCC** side-event

Reporting and review system under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol: a foundation for MRVs in post – 2012

## Current guidelines for reporting and reviewing finance and technology transfer and challenges ahead

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**Context:** How things have changed

 1992: Current guidelines based on general call in the Convention (Art. 4.3-4.10) for "new and additional" financial resources

VS

- 2010: <u>Specific amount and dates</u> (USD 30 billion for the period 2010-2012 and USD 100 billion/yr by 2020, from a wide variety of sources).
  - ➤ With such different needs, guidelines for reporting and reviewing F&TT will have to be very different.

## Currently:

- No internationally agreed methodology for tracking financial resources related to climate change.
  - OECD DAC "Rio markers": descriptive approximation showing trends in the policy objectives rather than a quantitative estimate.
- NCs cover mainly funds provided via regional or multilateral channels and institutions. Yet reporting by these institutions <u>lacks consistency</u>, <u>completeness</u>, <u>comparability</u>, <u>accuracy and</u> <u>transparency</u>.
  - No idea of the <u>amount</u> of financing that is additional nor clarity on the <u>categories</u>, <u>technologies</u>, <u>sectors</u> or <u>sources</u>.

Some of the **current weak points in the reporting** that will need to be strengthened/otherwise addressed:

- Old challenge of defining "new and additional" financial resources
- Reporting on <u>public and private sector activities</u>
  related to TT
- Reporting on "soft" and "hard" technologies
- Reporting on "success and failure stories" of TT

## Looking ahead...

- Key strengths of the review process are that it <u>builds</u>
  <u>trust among Parties and creates capacity</u> <u>both</u>
  vital in this new context.
- Assessing detailed financial information in depth will likely require changes in the <u>mandate</u> given to reviewers, the <u>time</u> alloted for the review, and the <u>composition</u> (may need financial specialists).
  - Clearly, an ambitious process is needed to improve and adequately report and review climate-related F&TT in the future. Defining it will take <u>time and cooperation</u> between various institutions.
    - Proposals for how to go about it already exist see WRI 2010, OECD, others.