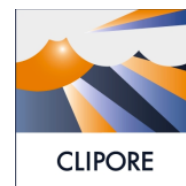




Side Event
at the Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies
Friday, June 6, 2008
6-8 pm
Room Metro



A fair sharing of effort: Operationalizing the Greenhouse Development Rights framework

The Greenhouse Development Rights framework is an approach for burden-sharing under the UNFCCC, designed to simultaneously safeguard a right to development and protect the climate.

At its core, the Greenhouse Development Rights framework proposes an indicator of Responsibility and Capacity that can serve as a yardstick for the obligations of parties, putting into practice the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. The indicator is calculated with a view to preserve the right to development of poor people, as spelled out in article 3.4 UNFCCC. Using the terms of the Bali Action Plan, the framework provides a basis for assessing “comparability of effort” and for quantifying the need for “measurable, reportable, and verifiable” support. For the *Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies*, 2-13 June 2008, the Greenhouse Development Rights framework has been used to assess near-term reduction targets for parties in the year 2020.

In the light of these findings, the panel discussion will revisit proposals currently on the negotiation table. After all, what can be said about the adequacy of commitments proposed for long-term cooperative action as well as for further commitments of Annex I parties? The panel will also address the operationalization of the Greenhouse Development Rights framework within the framework of the Bali Action Plan. In particular, it will discuss what the steep emissions reductions commitments proposed for Northern countries imply for negotiations on flexible mechanisms, financing, technology transfer, and capacity-building.

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