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# **Addressing Climate Change at global level: negotiations leading up to COP16 and 17**

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# The international climate change regime

## The UN framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- **overall framework** for intergovernmental efforts
- **near universal participation** (194 countries have ratified)
- **Ultimate Objective:** “to achieve stabilization of atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases at levels that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system”.

## Kyoto Protocol

- Shares the objectives of the Convention
- **Commits** 37 industrialised countries to legally binding GHG reduction targets
- **First commitment** period is 2008-2012

Copenhagen Accord



## **Issues in the negotiations**

**Mitigation**

**Adaptation**

**Technology**

**Transfer**

**Finance**

## **Leading up to COP 16...**

- **New negotiating text**
- **All or nothing or fragmented?**



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## Mitigation

- What will **individual Countries** have to commit to in reducing GHG emissions ?
  
- Mitigation by all the countries but **on which principles** future commitments should be based?
  
- **Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)** by developing countries
  - All the NAMAs supported or only some will be supported?
  - Measurable, Reportable and Verifiable (MRV)?



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## **Adaptation**

- All the countries are vulnerable or only developing countries?
- **Who is more vulnerable?**
- **The institutional arrangements**



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## **Technology Transfer**

- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**
- Institutional arrangements**
- North South Cooperation as well as South-South Cooperation**



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## Finance

- **How much** is needed by when?  
Different estimates
- Who should get the **priority**
- Finance under the **Copenhagen Accord** ( \$30b billion a year fast start finance and \$100b long term finance)
- Are they **new and additional**?
- **Public or private**?
- How much is for adaptation and mitigation?
- Is the money **conditional**?
- **A decision** under the COP?
- **Institutional arrangements**



## **Political challenges for South Africa: Perspective of an outsider**

- Demands from international and regional level on mitigation and adaptation?
- Resources issues?
- Different groupings- challenges within the own group (developing country group)
  - G77
  - BASIC
  - Africa Group
  - (and LDC group)





# COP 17 challenges

- What **outcome** are we expecting (KP first commitment period ends in 2012)
- What **role** does a host country have?
- How to be seen as **impartial** ?
- How to **manage the pressure** from in country and outside?
- Are you **responsible** for getting an outcome?