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Ecologic Institute

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- ▶ Private, independent, non-partisan, mission-based, non-profit
- ▶ Independent, constructive and competent voice for:
 - ▶ Environment in international and EU affairs
 - ▶ International and EU dimension in environment policy
 - ▶ Integration of environment into other policies
- ▶ Policy-relevant science, and science-based policy analysis & advisory
- ▶ Project-driven, solution-oriented, inclusive and trans-disciplinary
- ▶ Founded 1995 in Berlin
- ▶ Today with 120 staff in Berlin, Brussels, Vienna, Washington DC & San Mateo
- ▶ China program under development since 2010



A brief history of the UN climate treaty

- ▶ 1992 Rio: United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- ▶ 1997 Kyoto Protocol
- ▶ 2007 Bali: Bali Road Map to negotiate a 2nd commitment period for the Kyoto Protocol and a global agreement on „long term cooperative action“
- ▶ 2009 Copenhagen: failed negotiations for a “big deal” on climate change
- ▶ 2010 Cancun
- ▶ 2011 Durban
- ▶ 2012 Rio: Leader’s Summit on Sustainable Development



The road to Durban

Three challenges:

- ▶ Saving Kyoto
- ▶ Advancing a global, legally binding agreement
- ▶ Preparing the ground for long term financing



The dilemma of Kyoto can be resolved through a set of COP/MOP decisions:

- ▶ Political declaration to continue with Kyoto Protocol
- ▶ Decision on Kyoto party mitigation commitments, based on pledges from Copenhagen Accord as a minimum
- ▶ Decisions on LULUCF, CDM rules, AAUs

In addition:

- ▶ COP decision to negotiate a legally binding agreement to include all major economies
- ▶ Guidelines for MRV (measuring; reporting; verification)
- ▶ Formally establishing the Global Green Fund



On the road to Durban and beyond: Where Europe can lead

- ▶ Upgrade EU 20 % target to 30%
- ▶ Implement 2050 low carbon development road map
- ▶ Strengthen targets on efficiency and renewables
- ▶ Strengthen commitments under EU ETS /retire permits; expand scope
- ▶ Resolve conflicts around LULUCF, CDM rules and AAU retirement
- ▶ Provide reliable funding for climate finance within the EU and internationally



On the road to Durban and beyond: Where China can lead

- ▶ Support process towards a global & legally binding climate change agreement within G77
- ▶ Implement domestic commitments within the next 5 year plan
- ▶ Establish pilot regional and sectoral carbon markets (possibly open towards EU-ETS in the future)
- ▶ South-south climate cooperation



From Rio 1992 to Rio 2012

- ▶ Rio 1992:
North-Side divide did replace East-West conflict
- ▶ Rio 2012
Emergence of the G20 with China, EU and the US in the center of global governance
- ▶ China in the center of the new global politics of sustainable development & as a bridge between North and South; emergence of BASIC, BRICS;
- ▶ ~~EU-China cooperation as a core relationship within a multipolar global~~



From Durban to Rio

- ▶ From low carbon development to a green economy paradigm
- ▶ Linking energy development with the sustainable development of other natural resources as water, agriculture, general land use
- ▶ Rio not about new global agreements but around a new consensus around a green development paradigm, putting the provision of ecosystem services in the center of development and establishing mechanisms that put a value on nature
- ▶ Sustainable Development Goals to complement Millenium Development Goal 7 “Ensure Environmental Sustainability”



Thank you for your attention

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