

### Moving into Copenhagen: Global and Chinese Trends

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## RESOURCES Global Deal: Conceptual Framework



E3G – Third Generation Environmentalism



### **Core Outcome Benchmarks**

- Added Value
- High Trust
- Flexibility to move to cuts consistent with 1.5C
- Transformational in OECD
- Foundation for future reductions in emerging economies



#### WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE Form of Copenhagen Agreement

There are two scenarios for a Copenhagen Outcome:

- "Binding" Copenhagen Decision(s): detailed agreement on a deal with numbers on country commitments, financing and a broad framework and principles for implementation institutions and mechanisms. Legal form decided in Copenhagen or later
- Copenhagen Political Declaration: general declaration with no numbers on country commitments or finance (except perhaps on adaptation and forestry). Negotiation timetable to finalise the deal within 6 months at Copenhagen *bis* and reach a "binding" agreement.



### Mapping the key players





**Four Scenarios** 

- **A. Breakthrough**: significant political movement considerable added value on ambition firm foundation of institutions for 2C regime.
- **B.** Foundation: unfavourable domestic politics little added value on ambitions clever diplomacy and growing trust credible foundation for strengthening commitments in the next five years.
- **C. Greenwash**: the rush to deliver political headlines little added value in "pledge and review" agreement progress on forests and developing countries presented as a huge success no basis for future ambition.
- **D. Collapse**: misaligned expectations and no real engagement from leaders push for last night agreement fails to bridge differences decisions either deferred to a COPbis or talks breakdown.



# Chinese Formal Position on Principles

- UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol are the base for negotiations
- Kyoto is a long-living treaty.
- Common but differentiated responsibilities
- Support for mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance are on the same footing as actions



## **Chinese Formal Objectives**

- All developed countries take on deeper targets along the lines of Kyoto-type targets of 40% below 1990 by 2020
- Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) are not targets but voluntarily initiated policies and measures, not for offsets
- China has stated its intent to adopt a carbon intensity target of a "notable margin"



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### **Developing country enhanced actions**





# **Chinese Formal Objectives**

- Not willing to put NAMAs in an international registry to be internationally reviewed
- New institutions and funds for Adaptation, Technology and Capacity Building
- 0.5 to 1.0% of GDP of developed countries should fill those funds
- Avoidance of unilateral trade measures

WORLD At present G77 & China is the only proposal to Cover all stages on the innovation chain –

developed country leadership has been extremely



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weak



#### GOAL

Avoid dangerous interference with climate system





## MRV/MAE in China

- A robust domestic MAE system is consistent with domestic interest and needs
- MAE system should be designed to underpin existing and future policy options but there are commonalities among different options
- Capacity building are needed in terms of legislation, infrastructure, quality control, dynamic assessment and information disclosure



## Conclusions

- Copenhagen a key moment but still unclear how ambitious the agreement will be
- All major economies are putting serious proposals on the table
- China is prepared to show its readiness to be a globally responsible actor