

Today a group of NGOs and rural people today in India launched a Report calling for Contraction and Convergence. The report is entitled, *"Post-2012 targets and timetables for All"*.

It says that the Government of India should take a lead on a much more hard-hitting dialogue on binding targets and timetables for all countries including G-77 plus China, on the Contraction and Convergence Model.

It calls on the Indian Government to hasten the implementation of post-2012 commitments in the field of climate change, by adding India to the list of countries accepting binding targets and timetables on per capita Greenhouse Gas emission reductions in the second commitment period.

The report is published by CER India Pvt. Ltd., a consulting organisation and forum which advises NGOs and Government on ways to implement rural development projects which create tradable Emission Reduction Certificates.

Highlights of the report include: -

- ❖ India has the capacity to meet the food, cooking, and productive energy needs of a billion people from 100% sustainable sources.
- ❖ A single user/producer module based around a biogas plant and silvi-pastoral agricultural practice saves 10 tonnes of CO₂ per annum, the sale of which should provide enough income from the sale of tradeable permits to sustain the activity without the need for any other source of financing. These integrated silvi-pastoral food,
- ❖ Fodder, timber and biomass fuel management techniques use modern agricultural waste management, biogas and biomass management technologies.
- ❖ The report analyses the role of the rural poor in mitigating climate change, and shows that the rural poor are the only interest group in the world today who have a direct economic interest in climate change mitigation, as their livelihoods based on these existing and new technology modules generate emission reductions without additional cost.
- ❖ The report analyses the ways in which the urban middle classes can join the poor in switching to a development path which prioritises these types of systems in order reverse the global climate change crisis whose effects are already upon us today.

- ❖ Together with improved prices for agricultural products, these systems will eradicate the poverty of half a billion rural people in India and will provide technology examples to the poor in the rest of the world.
- ❖ To make this economic vision a reality, binding GHG reduction targets and timetables for all countries are vital, without which the emission reductions generated by the poor will have no economic value.
- ❖ The report found that the Climate Change Dialogue India Country Presentation provides data but no targets and timetables for India's long term emission reduction trajectory.
- ❖ The report summarises the specific steps which need to be taken at CoP 12/ MoP 2 which include:
 - Agreeing to binding targets and timetables for GHG reductions for all parties to the Convention based on an agreed contraction and convergence scenario.
 - Broadening the flexible mechanisms to create fungibility between all countries, regions and systems through integrating the CDM with new ERUs/CERs/AAUs or some other new unit to be created in all countries under an agreed global contraction and convergence emission reduction trajectory to be monitored and managed by the UNFCCC.
 - Reversing EB20 ruling on Non-Renewable Biomass under the CDM
 - Allowing emission reductions from avoided deforestation under the CDM

The report concludes that the Government of India should take a lead on a much more hard-hitting Dialogue on binding targets and timetables for all countries including G-77 plus China, on the Contraction and Convergence Model.

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The document from the Methodology Panel rejecting the recently submitted Non-Renewable Biomass Methodology on the basis of an EB20 decision, is also available from the same source.