International Climate Policy on the Road to Paris

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The legal outcome in Paris

- protocol
- another legal instrument or
- an agreed outcome with legal force
Most are tending towards a protocol (Agreed outcome with legal force)

Some countries holding out and support only a set of COP Decisions
What is in and out of the Protocol
Mitigation commitments (emission reduction targets)

In the protocol
• EU, Small Island Stated, Least Developed Countries

Outside the protocol
Mitigation commitments in some other form:
• National registry – US
• Schedule – Australian and New Zealand
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Will the Intended National Determined Contributions be adopted in Paris?

New Zealand says that their Nationally Determined Contribution will not be finalised until they deposit their instrument of ratification.

When do we see the final numbers?
Will Mitigation Commitments be Treated the Same?

Some Developed Countries want everyone to take national economy wide mitigation targets/commitments/contribution

Some Developing Countries want a spectrum of mitigation commitments:

• Target relative to BAU
• Sectoral targets
What other elements will be included in the Protocol?

• Adaptation
• Finance
• Technology Development and Transfer
• Capacity Building

• Loss and Damage?
How will the other elements be treated in the protocol?

Adaptation:

Developing Countries want a stronger commitment to support adaptation: finance, capacity building and technology transfer (regional adaptation centres)

Developed Countries want greater accountability and reporting on actions “mainstreaming” adaptation
Finance:

Will there be a stronger commitment to support new finance?

Will there be a “package deal” new finance with mitigation commitments from Developing Countries?

Will the protocol have a means of reporting on finance?

Will South-South support be recognised?
Loss and Damage

Disaster Risk Reduction

Rehabilitation through risk transfer schemes
(insurance e.g regional insurance – Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance, national insurance, crop insurance, micro-insurance)

Compensation for permanent losses due to slow-onset events (sea level rise, ocean acidification, coral bleaching)
Will Everything be Decided in Paris?

Unlikely:

• Rules for land use change and forestry

• Rules for carbon markets
If we do have an agreement in Paris on a protocol will key countries ratify?
Will we have an agreement in Paris, or will it end up like Copenhagen?
Will Tuvalu survive?

To the rest of the world, please could you prepare a place for my country to stay.