# Assessing impacts of implementation of response measures

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#### Outline

- Provisions for Response Measures and Trade under the
  - > Convention,
  - Kyoto protocol
  - Paris Agreement
- > Reporting requirements
- Assessing Impacts of RM
- Opportunities and Challenges



## Provisions for Response Measures and Trade under the Convention

- In the implementation of their commitments under the Convention, Parties shall give full consideration to what actions are necessary to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the adverse effects of climate change and/or the impact of the implementation of response measures (article 4.8 of Convention)
- Measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade" (Article 3.5 of the Convention)



## Provisions for Response Measures and Trade under the Kyoto Protocol

- The Parties included in Annex I shall strive to implement policies and measures in such a way as to minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on other Parties (Article 2.3 of the KP)
- Each Party included in Annex I shall strive to implement the commitments mentioned in paragraph 1 above in such a way as to minimize adverse social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, particularly those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention. (Article 3.14 of the KP)
- Forum established under the Convention shall serve the Paris Agreement (paragraph 33, decision 1/CP21)



## Provisions for Response Measures and Trade under the Paris Agreement

- PA recognizes that Parties may be affected not only by climate change, but also by the impacts of the measures taken in response to it
- Take into account the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities
- Parties shall take into consideration in the implementation of this Agreement the concerns of Parties with economies most affected by the impacts of response measures, particularly developing country Parties (Article 4.15 of the PA)
- No specific mention of trade and response measures under the PA <u>HOWEVER</u>
- The decision that adopted the PA indicated that the Forum established under the Convention shall serve the Paris Agreement (paragraph 33, decision 1/CP21)



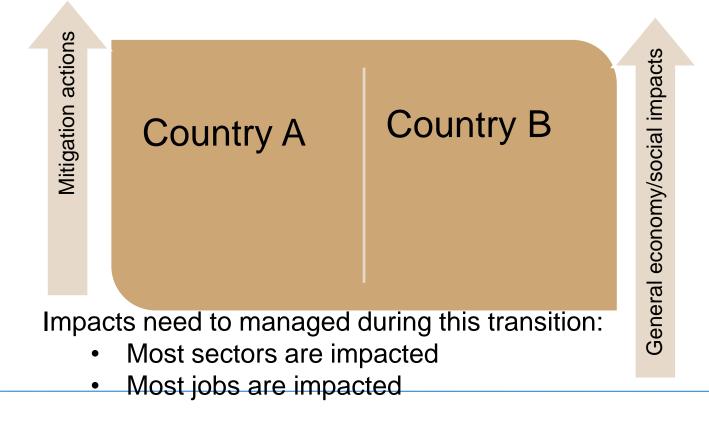
#### **Reporting requirements**

- Each Party included in Annex I shall provide information relating to how it is striving, under Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol, to implement its commitments mentioned in Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol in such a way as to minimize adverse social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, particularly those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention. (Decision 15/CMP 1, Annex H, paragraph 23)
- Encourages non-Annex I Parties to provide information, including in their national communications and/or other reports, on their specific needs and concerns arising from the adverse effects of climate change, including any gaps they identify in the implementation of decision 5/CP.7 (Decision 1/CP10)



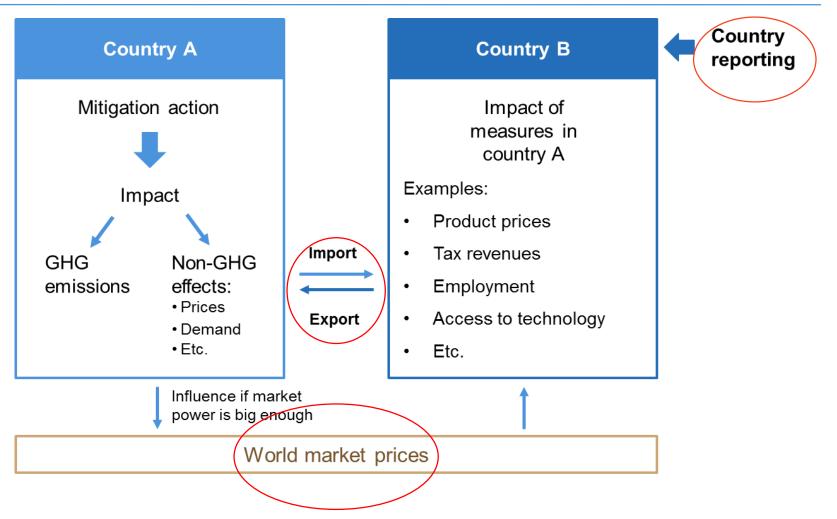
#### Assessing Impacts of RM: The Need of the time

- Increased GHG mitigation policies and actions after adoption of Paris Agreement
- An increased need to assess the cross-border impacts, and then to report and address those impacts.





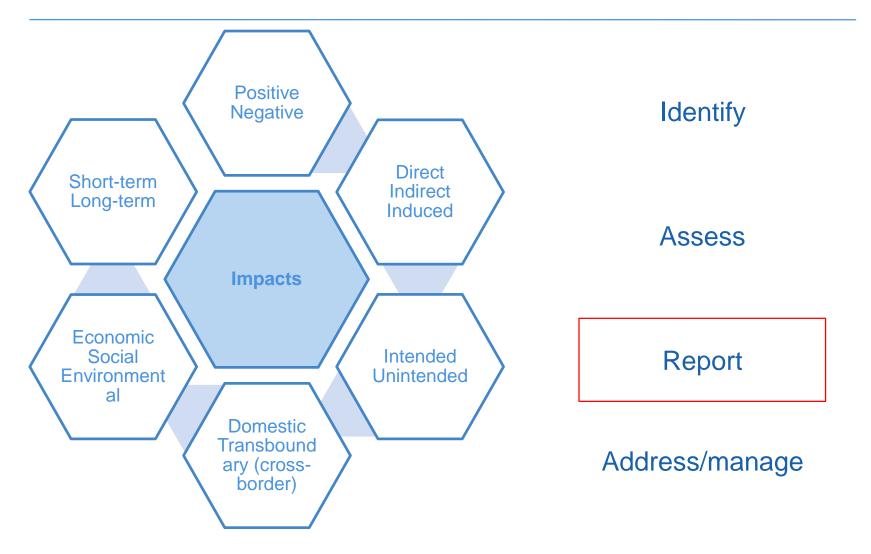
#### Assessing Impacts of RM: The Link to Trade??



Developing country Parties are encouraged to report on impacts received from implementation of response measures by developed countries



#### Types of impacts of response measures





- Conventional oil, gas and coal fuels;
- Energy-intensive trade-exposed goods (aluminium, iron and steel, cement, chemicals, and pulp and paper);
- Tourism;
- Agriculture.

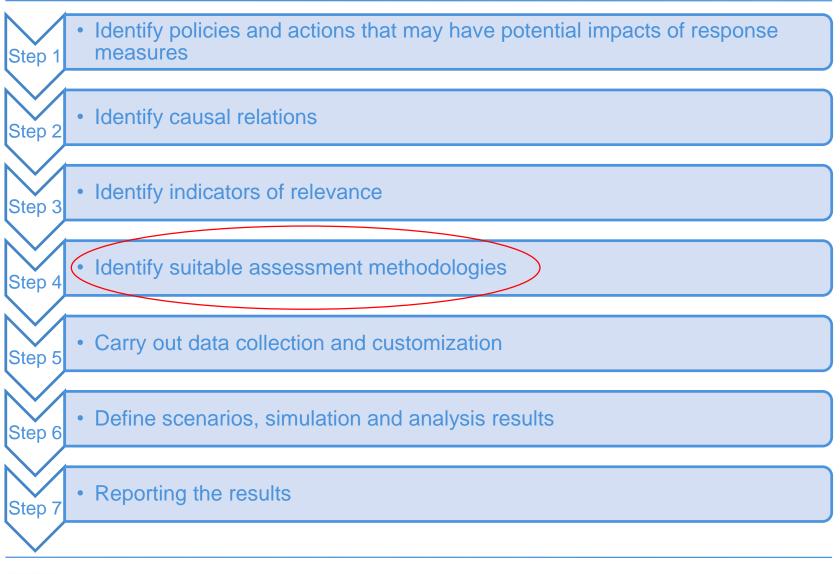


#### Selected response measures and their impacts

Policy	Key Impacts
Domestic carbon taxes and cap and trade schemes	Loss of market share for foreign exports
Subsidies for renewable energy technology producers	Loss of market share for foreign competitors (renewable energy technology and fossil fuels)
Standards and labelling requirements	Loss of market share for producing firms
International carbon taxes and levis	On aviation: loss of tourism revenue for airline destinations and loss of market share for air- freighted goods On maritime transport: reduced trade flows



#### Overview of steps of assessment of impacts

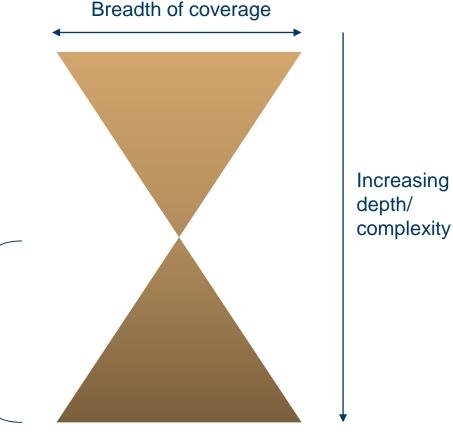




#### **Types of Analytical tool**

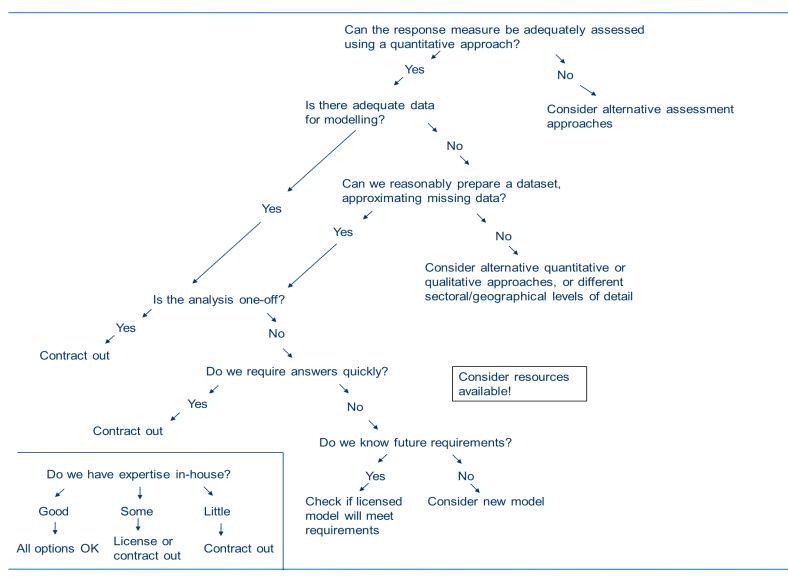
Qualitative Approach: simple analysis Quantitative Approach: basic to complex

- Simple analysis
- Econometric estimation
- Systems of equations
- Input-output analysis
- Partial modelling
- General modelling





#### Flow Chart to identify the approach





#### **Challenges and Opportunities**

Challenges

- Lack of experience in developing countries
- > Lack of case studies, specifically cross border impacts
- Lack of methodological and analytical tools

**Opportunities** 

- Forum established under the Convention shall serve the Paris Agreement (paragraph 33, decision 1/CP21)
- > Forum provides a platform to allow Parties:
  - to share information, experiences, case studies, best practices and views,
  - to facilitate assessment and analysis of the impact of the implementation of response measures,
  - with a view to **recommending specific actions**;



### Thank you !

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