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SECTION C. GENERAL/OBJECTIVE

KEY POINTS TO BE CAPTURED

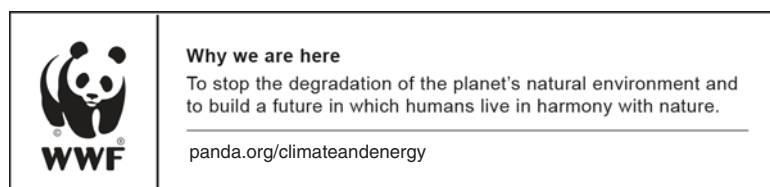
The General Objective section must provide a clear, unequivocal signal and commitment that the world is on a just transition to a zero carbon future. The Objective section must give governments, policy makers, and private sector investors' confidence that low and zero carbon technologies and policies are the only viable investment options for the future. At the same time the objectives must outline some of the key considerations for a just transition to a sustainable, prosperous, climate resilient future.

Vulnerable communities everywhere must know that they will be protected from the unavoidable impacts of climate change while those that have not caused the problem should be comfortable that they will be supported in pursuing alternative development pathways with support from those that have benefitted from carbon intensive development. To realise this the General/Objective section of the Paris agreement must capture the following key aspects:

1. Clearly outline that all governments share the objective of moving to zero carbon futures, recognising that those that still face developmental challenges will have to transition through a low carbon development phase before reaching zero carbon economies. Governments need to signal that they are accepting their critical role to provide policy predictability so that other stakeholders can feel confident to pursue low carbon technologies and methodologies.
2. The Objectives section should make it clear that the ultimate objective of the Convention can only be achieved through:
 - a. Most importantly, pursuing sufficient mitigation action to peak Greenhouse Gas Emissions as soon as possible within the decade and to limit warming to below 2°C/1.5°C. Parties must recognize that current and proposed levels of effort are not in line with the emission reduction trajectories required to stay below the temperature limits and within the carbon budget and that such efforts must be scaled up.
 - b. Building the resilience of vulnerable communities and countries through international support and appropriate, prioritized and effective adaptation efforts
 - c. It should be made clear that lower levels of mitigation action will increase the need for and costs of adaptation and that at higher temperature increases irreversible loss and damage due to climate change will increase.
 - d. Recognising that parties have differing levels of responsibility for climate change, different capabilities to support global efforts as well as differing capabilities to make the transition to low carbon development and that hence there needs to be higher levels of action from those with more responsibility and capability in line with an approach based on equity.

- e. Redirecting public and private investment to climate resilient, low/zero carbon options, and ensuring that these investments are compatible with achieving the 2°C/1.5°C target; including through the provision of finance, technology and capacity building resources to countries with low capability and responsibility.

Capturing these key points in the Objective section should provide a sufficient vision for the rest of the agreement where the specifics are to be fleshed out, in particular with regard to the temperature goals and a global adaptation goal. The details underpinning these two areas are better captured within the sections that pertain to those areas but the ultimate outcomes for both areas must be clear up-front in the Paris agreement.



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