

Session III Time Series and Projections

General: There were four presentations – general presentation from the organizers as well as from Japan, Thailand and Indonesia – notwithstanding the fact that non-Annex I Parties are not mandated to make GHG projections.

The key question for this session was to highlight:

- (i) the knowledge and use of time series in GHG inventories, and
- (ii) the use of projections in the different countries – are they used for planning, mitigation or policy formulation purposes, and the basis or parameters of the projections made by countries in the region.

Highlights:

Firstly, it is admirable, that the NAI countries in the region want to address time consistency issues in the preparation of their NATCOMS. It was observed that they would need support in the future in the form theme-specific workshops. Time series consistency and projections and their applications could be one of the themes. It was also observed that NAI countries are eager to learn the techniques (filling data gaps, recalculations, data quality etc) of conducting a credible time series – hence the need for donor support.

In this vein, it was felt that, WGI A ought to conduct theme specific workshops for different sectors in the preparation of inventories.

From the discussions it was felt that the topic would have a better appeal to the countries if they had completed several NATCOMS so that they could compare the different data sets. At the moment it may not be a priority.

In the field of LULUCF TIME series, it was felt that remote sensing data was the way to go.

Projections methodologies and applications workshops are also recommended for support in the form of workshops support by donors.

The discussions also touched on the importance of documenting the data sets and methodologies used in developing time series. Principles of recalculation in the case of new data or new methodologies was also emphasized in the discussion.