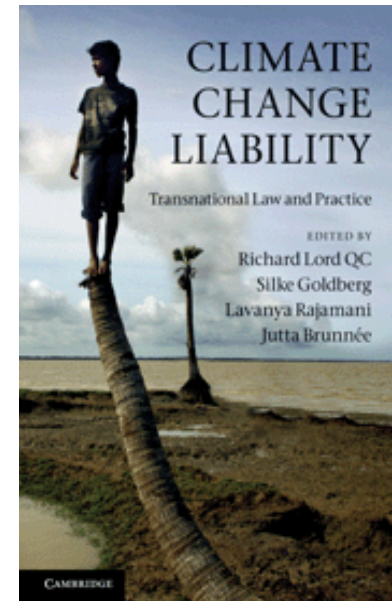
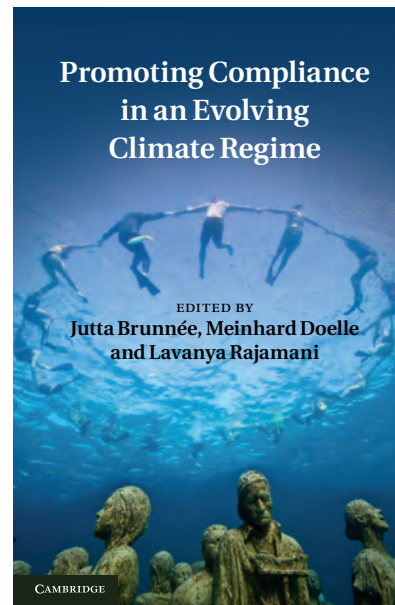


Negotiating The Post 2012 Regime: What to Expect from Durban



Meinhard Doelle
MELAW Institute
Schulich School of Law
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada
Mdoelle@dal.ca



Overview

➤ The Current Regime

- Kyoto Basics

➤ Principles Influencing the Negotiations

- Capacity, Potential, Responsibility

- Adequacy & Equity

➤ The Slowly Emerging New Regime

- The Bali Roadmap

- Copenhagen & Cancun

- What to expect from Durban

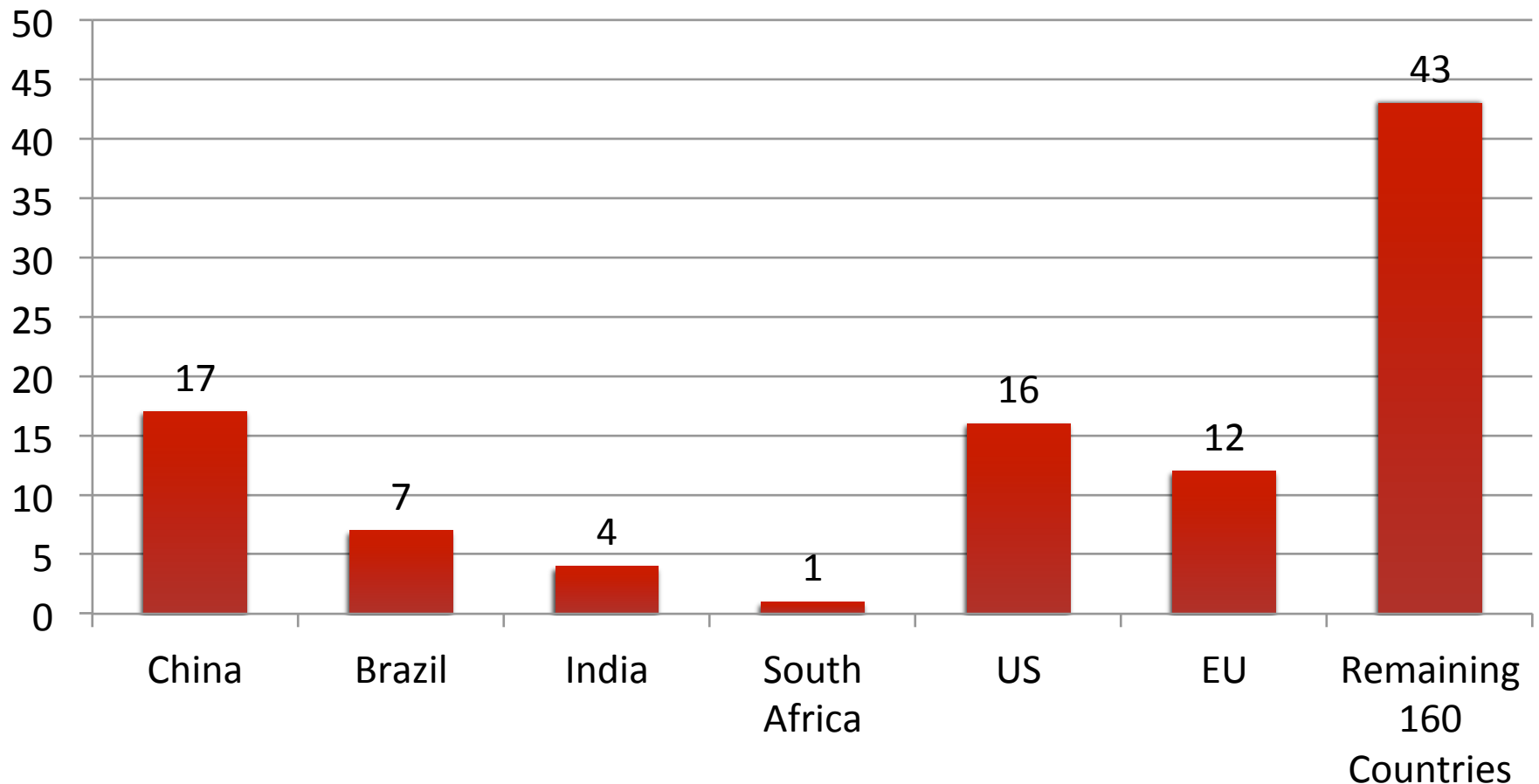
The Current (Kyoto) Regime

- **Under the Umbrella of the UNFCCC**
- **34 Developed Countries have ER Targets (2008-12)**
 - EU, US, CAN, JP, AUS, NZ, RUS, ...
- **Kyoto Flexibility Mechanisms**
 - ET, JI, CDM
- **Sinks (forests, grasslands, soils)**
- **Tracking & Reporting Emissions & Credits**
- **Verification & Compliance**

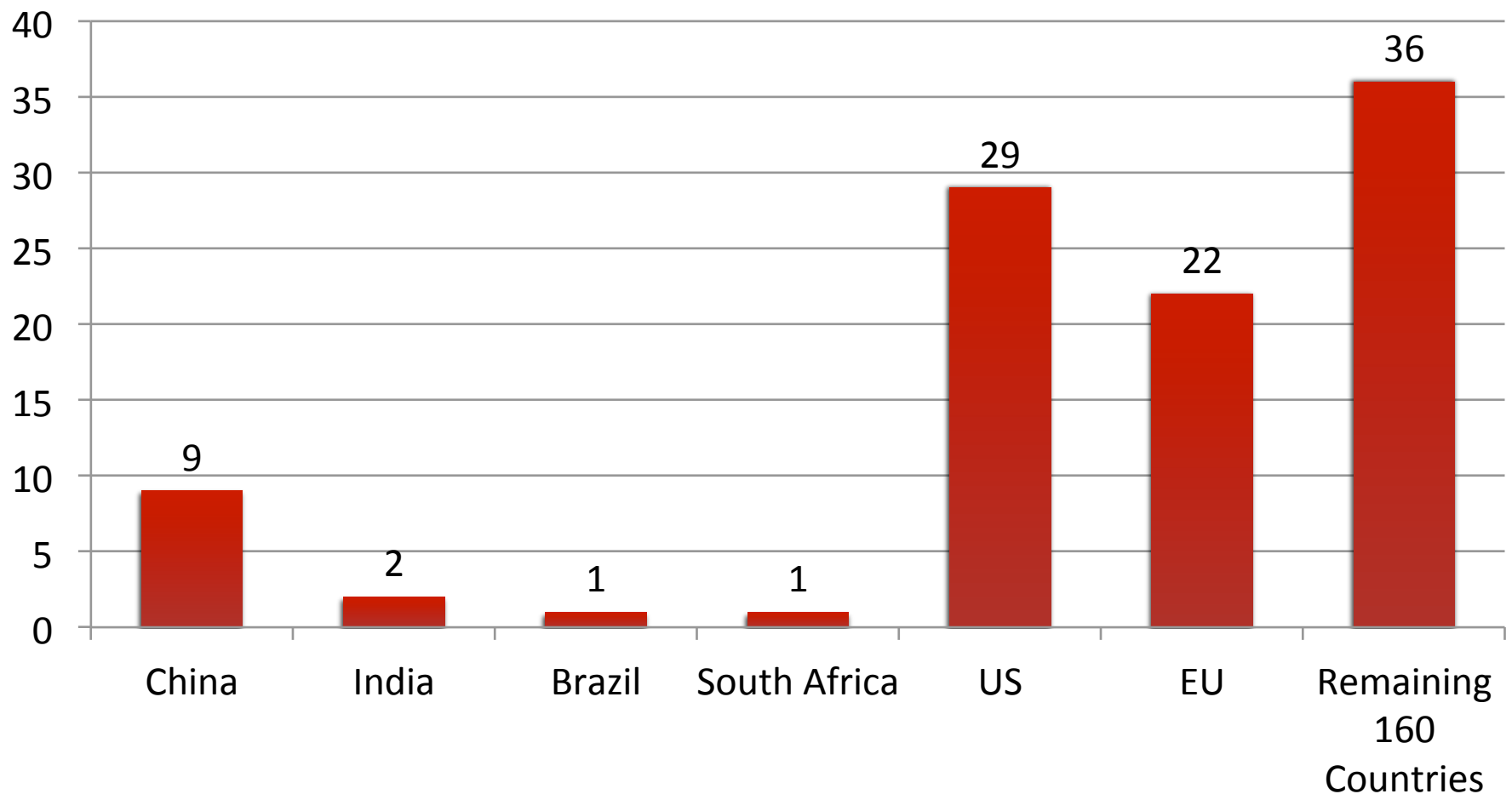
The Current (Kyoto) Regime

- **Kyoto in force since 2005;**
 - 1st CP runs out at end of 2012
- **Almost Universal Adoption**
 - In Developed & Developing World (Except: US, ~ Can)
- **Mainly about Mitigation (& some adaptation)**
- **Negotiations on post 2012 underway since 2005:**
 - Montreal, Bali, Copenhagen, Cancun, Durban, ...
- **Ever Shifting “Coalition” of the Unwilling**
 - US, Can, NZ, JP, Russia, OPEC, ... ?

Share of Global GHG Emissions (2005)

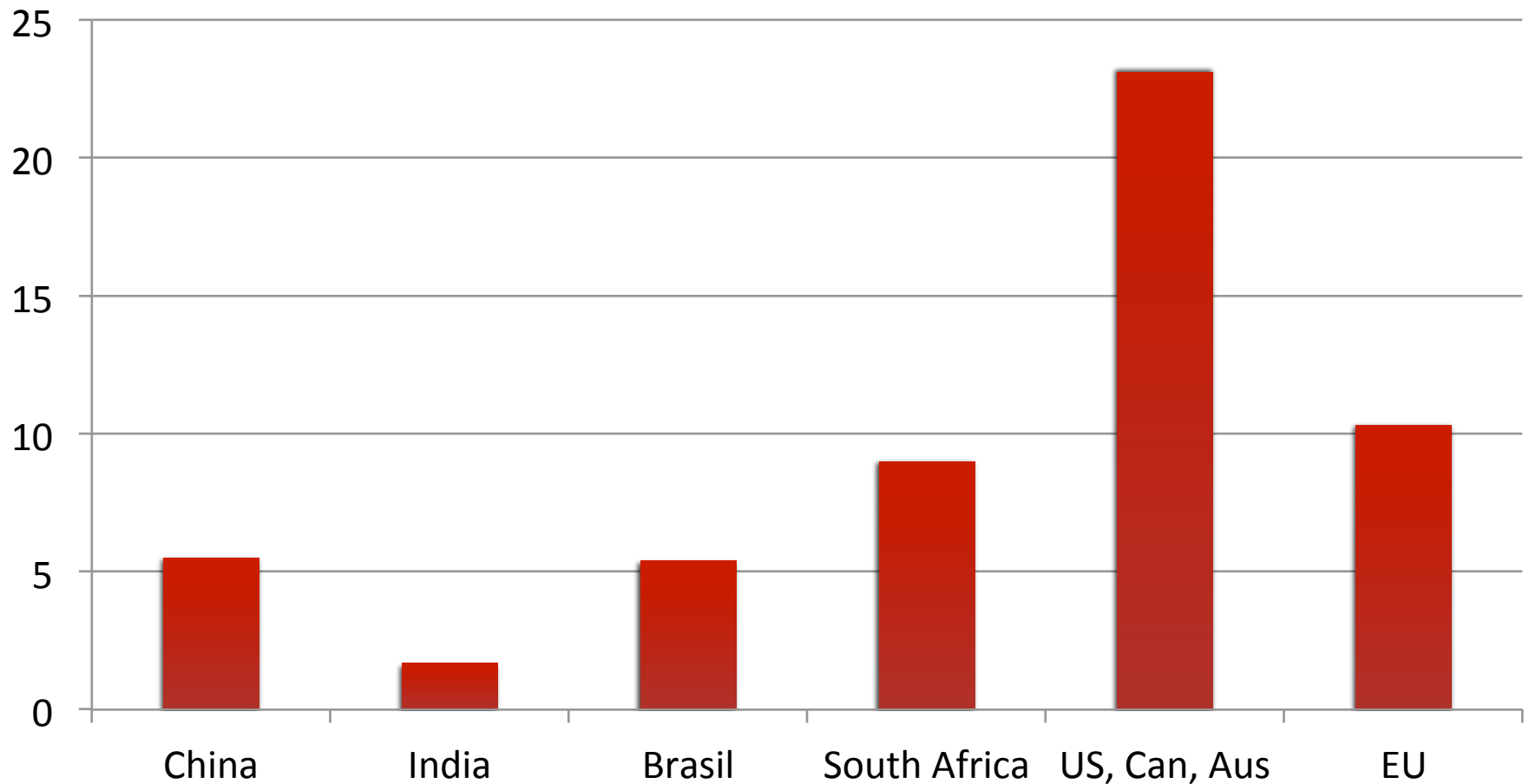


Cumulative % of Historical Emissions (2005)



Per Capita GHG Emissions

(2005, tco2eq)



What to Look for in Nations' Positions

➤ Allocation of Burdens & Benefits

➤ Capacity/Willingness to:

- Mitigate domestically
- Help with mitigation elsewhere
- Adapt & deal with impacts domestically
- Help with impacts and adaptation elsewhere
- Accept conditions (such as: low emissions development path) in return for help

Negotiating The Post 2012 Regime: Key Challenges

Possible Principles For Allocation Of Burdens & Benefits:

- Historical Responsibility
- Capacity
- Potential

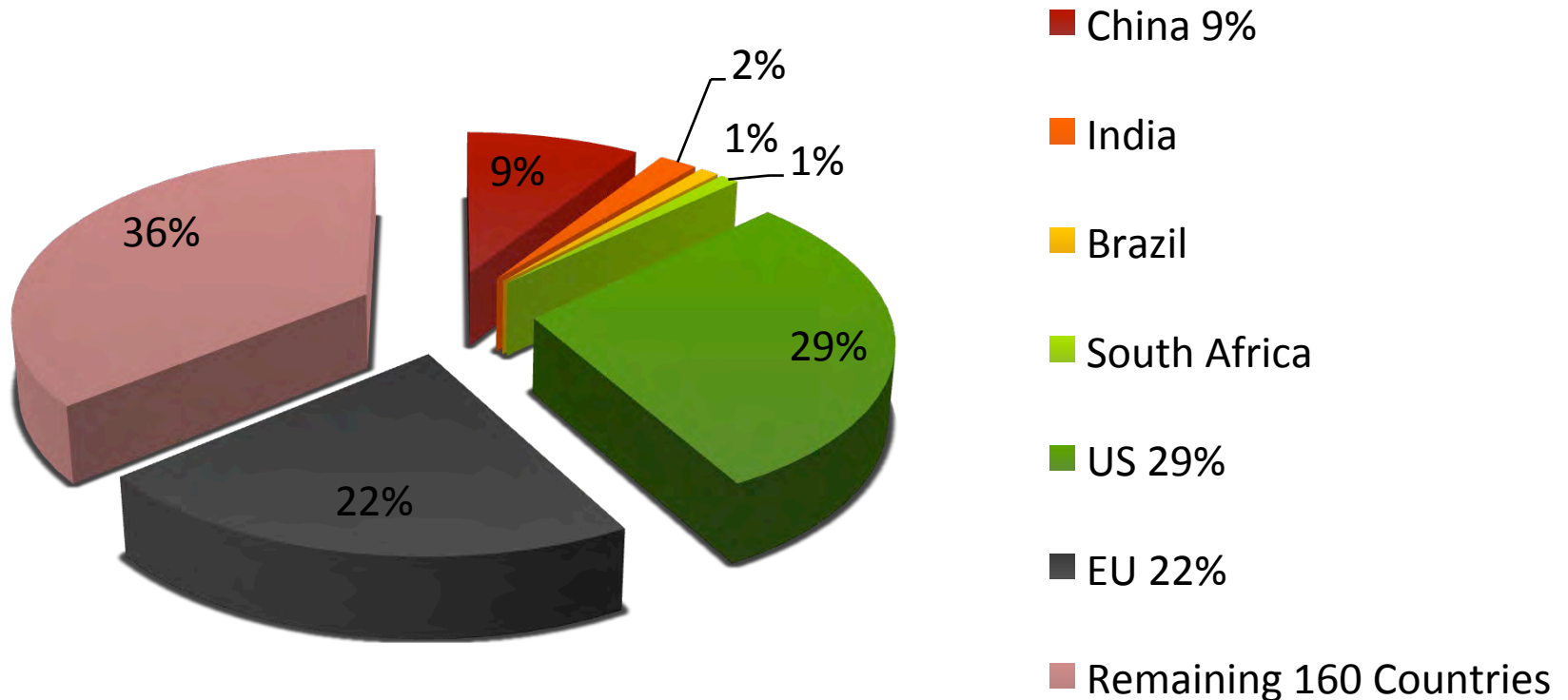
Equity “Yard Stick”? What is fair?

Principle 1: Historical Responsibility

- Cumulative emissions
- Pre-industrial GHG (280 ppm) as baseline
 - Responsible for increase in GHG since (390 ppm)
- Linked to non-natural (i.e. human) emissions
- Allocate responsibility according to total emissions since industrial revolution
- Adjusted over time

Cumulative Historical Emissions (up to 2005)

Historical Emissions



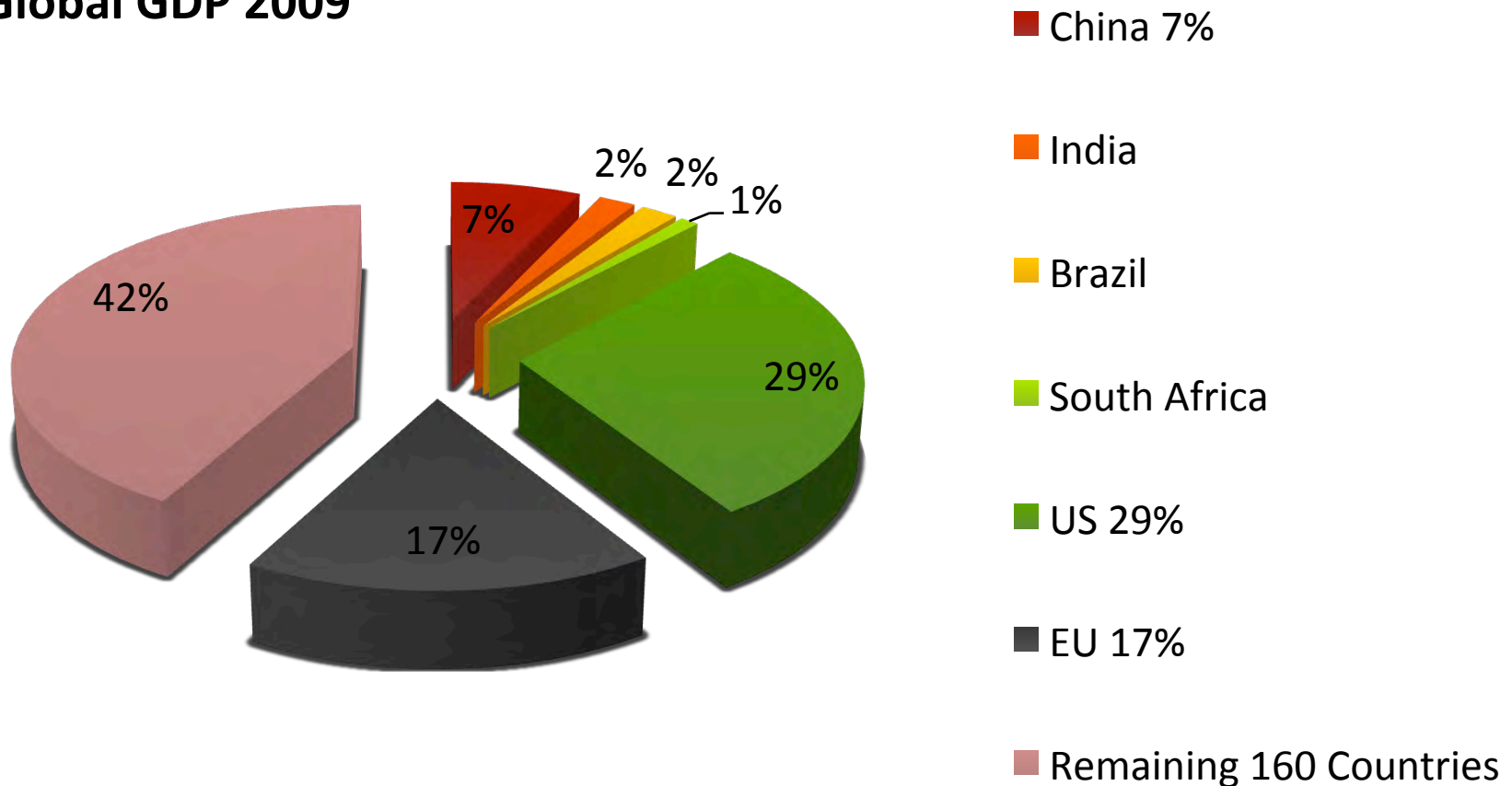
Principle 2: Capacity

- **Ability to make reductions & meet population needs**
- **Ability to assist other States**
- **Ways to measure capacity**
 - GDP
 - Human Development Index

 - Access to technologies that are part of the solution
 - Access to energy and other resources that are part of the solution (particularly if they can be exported)
 - Other special circumstances?

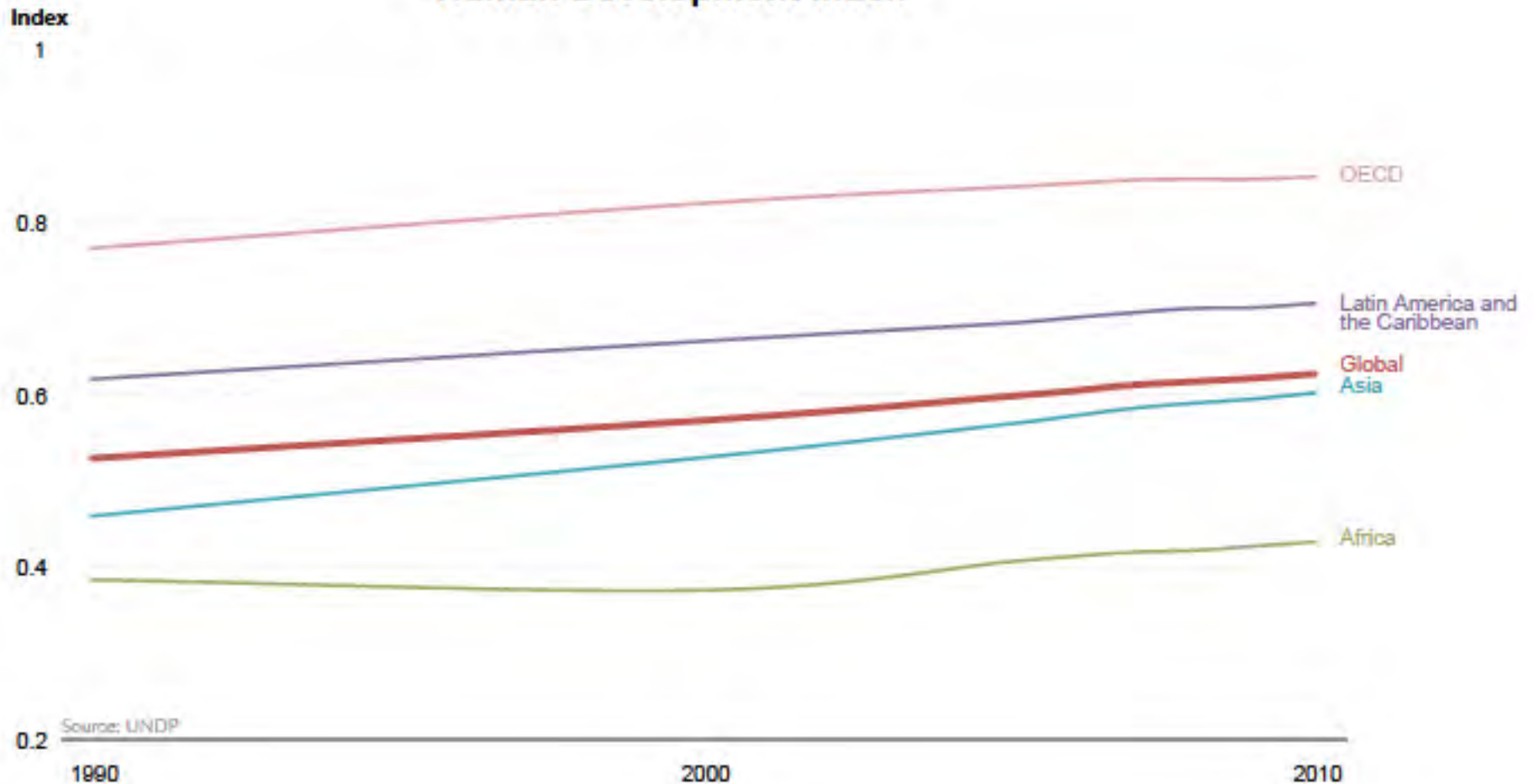
Capacity: Contribution to GDP

Global GDP 2009



Human Development Index

Human Development Index



Principle 3: Potential

- **The higher the current emissions, the greater the potential**
- **The higher future BAU emissions, the greater the potential**
- **Other factors:**
 - Domestic energy sources available
 - Current and future business as usual energy needs
 - Climate (heating, air conditioning needs)
 - Other differences in potential to make reductions (rural vs urban...)

Emissions of CO₂* - per Capita -

Tonnes

50

40

30

20

10

0

Developed
-18%
since 1992

Global
+7%
since 1992

Developing
+29%
since 1992

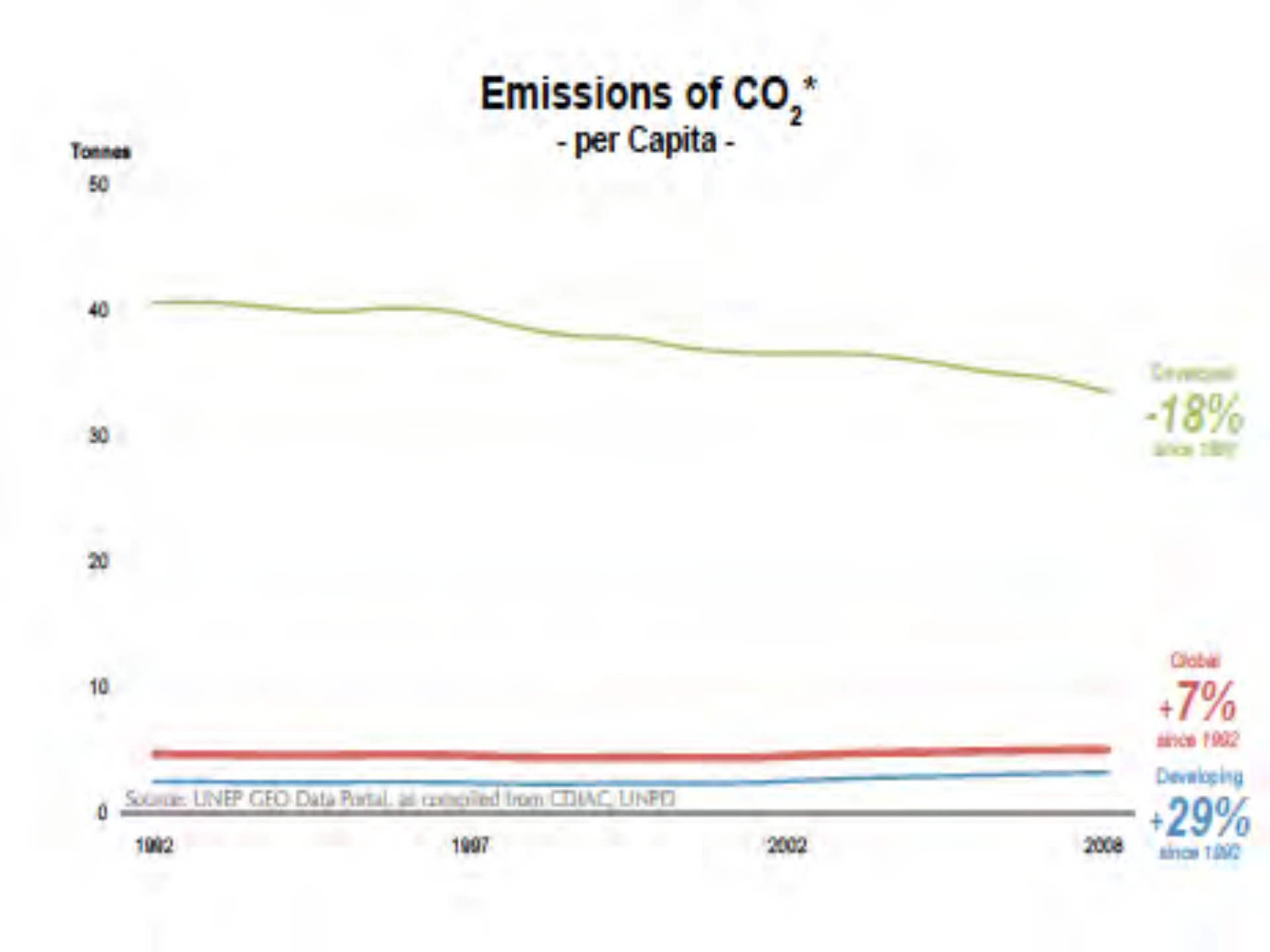
Source: UNEP GEO Data Portal, all compiled from CDIAC, UNPD

1992

1997

2002

2008



Emissions of CO₂* - Total -

Global
+36%
since 1992

2010

Developed

+8%
since 1992

Developing

+64%
since 1992

Thousand Million
Tonnes of CO₂

30

20

10

0

1992

1997

2002

2008

Source: UNEP CEO Data Portal, as compiled from CDIAC



Role of Equity

- **Equity to determine how principles might interact?**
 - Historical responsibility = Why? What?
 - Capacity = Why? What?
 - Potential = Where?
- **Different for Mitigation/Adaptation, Domestic/Int'l?**
- **Inter-generational equity**
 - Ensure adequacy?
 - Science based or negotiated? What level of harm is ok?
 - Liability for future impacts & adaptation?

Equity & Adequacy

- **This is about ensuring the global effort is “enough” to “address” climate change**
 - Article 2, preventing dangerous human interference with climate system
- **Important to be clear about what that means, to ensure meaningful progress**
 - 2 degrees, 400ppm, ... an attempt at dealing with this, but may be inadequate...
- **Would help to have resolved “liability”, but how?**

Atmospheric CO₂ Concentration / Keeling Curve

Parts per Million
(ppm)

400

390

380

370

360

350

340

330

+9%
since 1992

Source: UNEP GEO Data Portal, as compiled from NOAA/ESRL

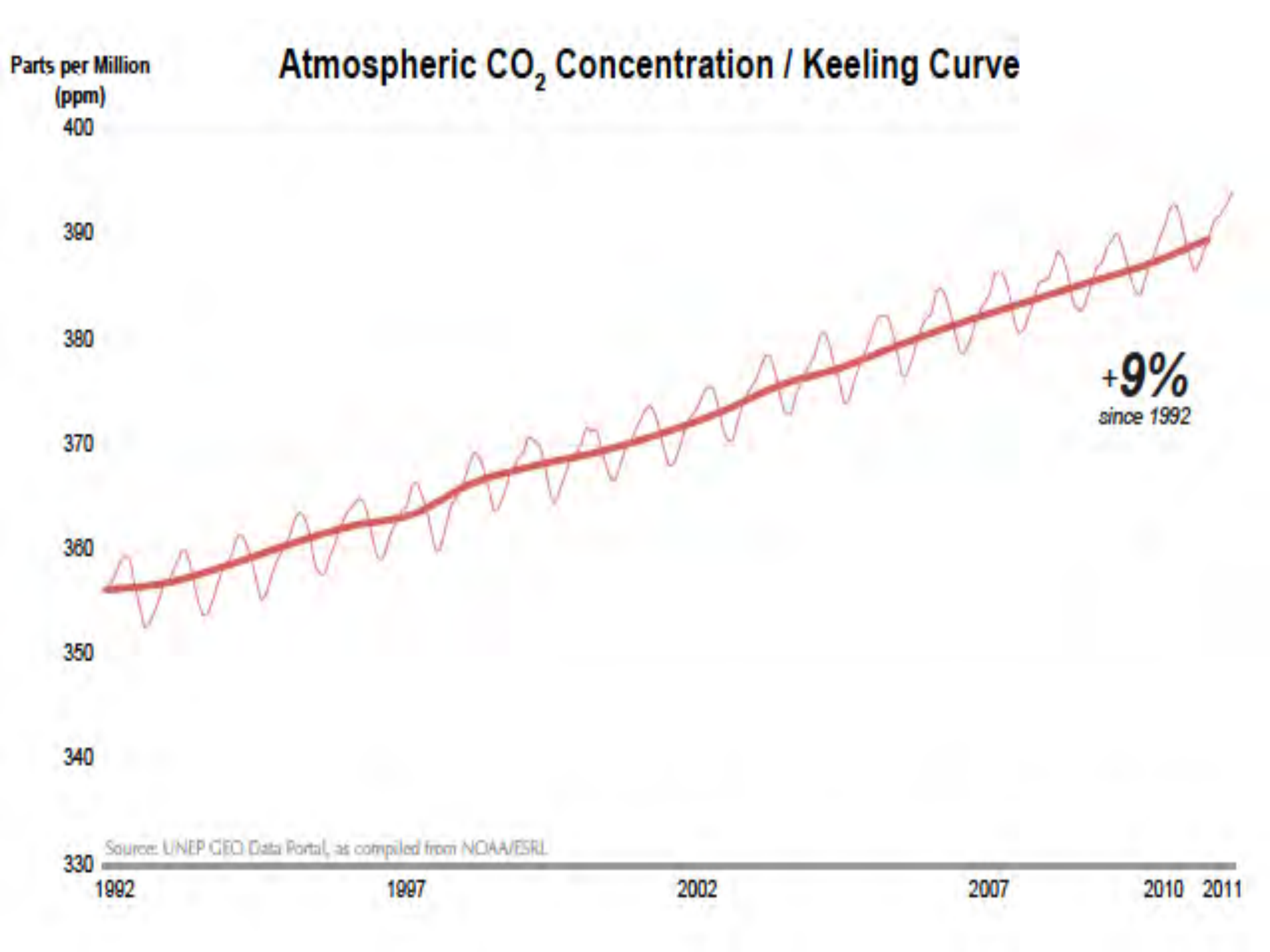
1992

1997

2002

2007

2010 2011



Proposed Approaches for Post 2012

- **Continue with Kyoto**
- **Bottom-up Approaches**
- **Multi-track Approaches**
- Per Capita Allocation
- Historical Responsibility Allocation
- Intensity Target Approaches
- Individualized Treatment of Parties
- Sectoral Targets

Proposal: Continue with Kyoto

Key Element: Binding absolute emission limits

- Tougher targets?
- More countries included?
- Continue with pledge based allocation?
- Changes in rules?
 - CDM/JI (additionality, SD, distribution)
 - Sinks (forest management)
 - Emissions trading (banking, fungibility)
 - Reporting
 - Compliance

Proposal: Bottom-up Approaches

Key Elements: Pledge-based & non-binding

- **Voluntary pledges** such as in the Copenhagen Accords
 - Could commit to low emissions development path compared to business as usual
 - Could commit to specific measures, such as to public transportation infrastructure, or a carbon tax
 - Sectoral CDM an option
- Motivation to make adequate commitment?
- Motivation to comply?

Proposal: Multi-track Approach

Key Elements: 3 different tracks

- **Kyoto Track** (tougher targets for A1, & a few more Parties)
- **Decarbonisation Track** (softer mitigation track, NA1, except LDCs)
- **Adaptation Track** (Assistance according to responsibility and capacity)

The Negotiating History

- Montreal 2005 (Start)
- Bali 2007 (2 Year Mandate)
- Copenhagen 2009 (Deadline Missed)
- Cancun 2010 (Rebuilding Trust?)
- Durban 2011 ???

Modest Start in Montreal 2005

- Agreement to negotiate new emissions reduction targets under Kyoto for post 2012; brings in Annex 1



- Initiated discussion under UNFCCC on how to more effectively implement UNFCCC; to bring in Non-Annex 1 & US

The Bali Roadmap 2007

- Raised status of **technology & finance** to the level of mitigation & adaptation (2=>4 Pillars)
- First movement from G-77 on mitigation
- Signs of acceptance of the IPCC AR4 science on adequacy: 2 C, 400 ppm, 10 yr peak, 80% by 2050
- Set 2 year timeline to negotiate new regime



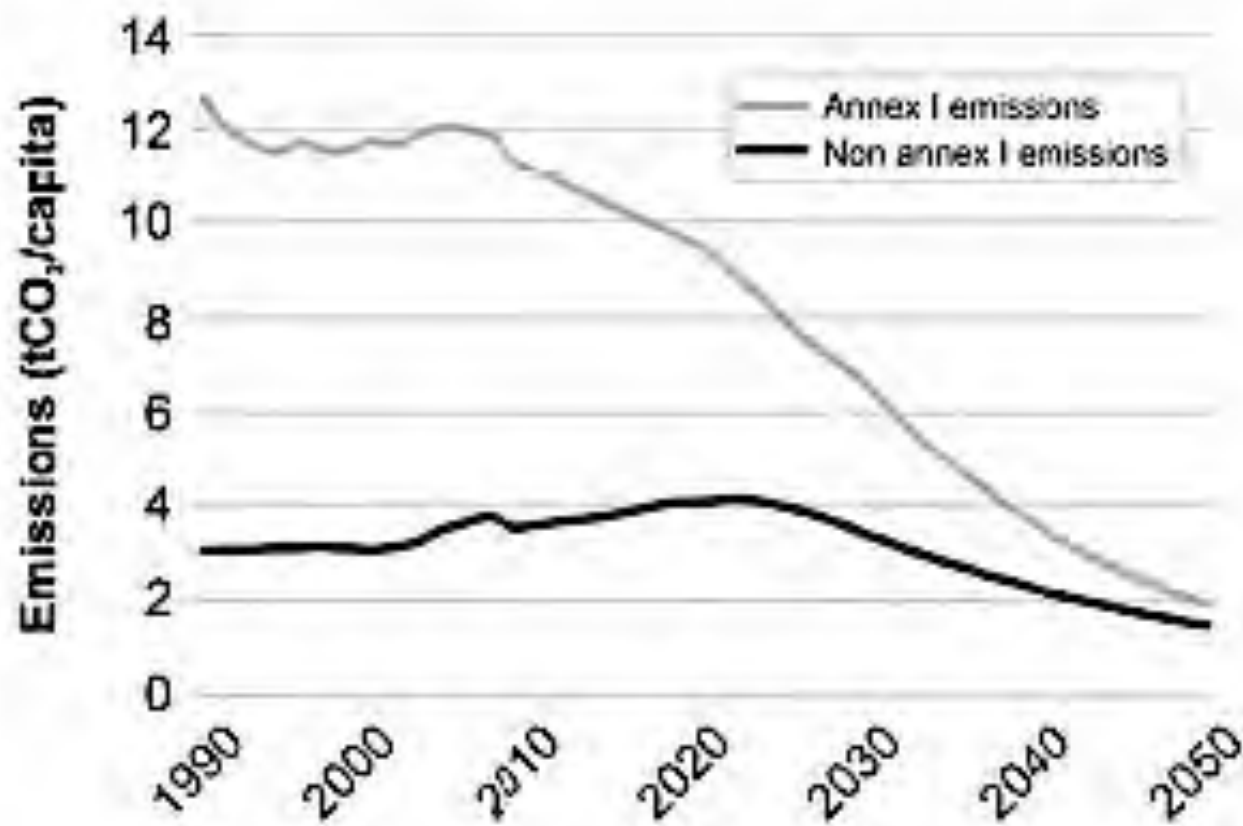


Figure 5.1: The consequences for the developing world of a global emission reduction target of 50% by 2050 combined with a target of 80% reductions by Annex 1 countries over the same period.

Source: Developed by Sivan Kartha, Stockholm Environment Institute.

Bali Roadmap: Parallel Processes

➤ Kyoto Process (KP AWG)

- Adequacy language key
- Mainly about new Annex 1 targets



➤ UNFCCC Process (LCA AWG)

- Non Kyoto developed states mitigation effort
- G-77 mitigation effort
- Technology
- Finance
- Adaptation

Bali Roadmap: 4 Pillars

➤ Adaptation

- Focus had been on national action
- CDM Adaptation Fund established, future?

➤ Mitigation

- Developed, Developing, Differentiation

➤ Technology Transfer

- Funding, other means?

➤ Finance

- Direct finance versus cap & trade, ...



Failure in Copenhagen

The KP AWG (No deal)

- Negotiations under the KP
 - US not a party
- Limited to post 2012 mitigation efforts of developed countries (not US)
- Future of CDM, ET, JI, Sinks
- Separation of KP & LCA made negotiations more difficult



Failure in Copenhagen

The LCA AWG (No deal)

- Tried to find a place for the US, (otherwise KP AWG dealing with mitigation by developed countries)
- Tried to deal with mitigation in developing countries & assistance needed
- Tried to deal with adaptation, finance, technology and shared vision (i.e. long term targets)



Copenhagen Accord



- Not under UNFCCC, support from 130+
- Endorsement of 2 degrees Celsius
- Need for GHG emissions to peak a.s.a.p., and in A1 before NA1.
- Recognition that developing countries need assistance.
- A1 to submit quantified economy wide emission targets for 2020. (done, but weak)
- NA1 to submit a list of mitigation actions. (some)

Copenhagen Accord



- \$US 30 billion from 2010 to 2012 for adaptation and mitigation.
- A1 to increase funding to \$US 100 billion a year by 2020.
- Green Climate Fund to support adaptation, REDD-plus, other mitigation, capacity building, technology.
- Establish a technology mechanism.
- Review by 2015 to consider adequacy & 1.5 degrees

Copenhagen Assessment

- Generally considered a failure, because:
 - Process terrible & no agreement under the UNFCCC
 - Negotiated by US, EU, & BASIC
 - ~ 60 countries did not endorse the Accord
 - A1 targets don't get us to 2 degrees
 - Not clear that 2 degrees is adequate
 - Not clear that funding is enough
 - No agreement on funding sources
 - No agreement on legal architecture
 - No agreement on verification & compliance



Copenhagen to Cancun



- Expectations low for Cancun
- By now clear that US administration is currently not able to pass national legislation (EPA action, litigation)
- No change in EU position
- Japan opposed to 2nd CP under Kyoto, but offered 25%
- Mexico worked hard to build trust in the process, Cancun agreements under UNFCCC
- Clear early that “final agreement” put off until Durban

Rebuilding Trust in Cancun



➤ Shared Vision

➤ 2 degrees Celsius

➤ To be guided by science & equity

➤ No agreement on what that means, no principles for allocation of responsibility

➤ Review by 2015 to consider adequacy (1.5)

➤ No agreement on “peaking” or long-term goal

Cancun Agreements



➤ Adaptation

➤ Cancun Adaptation Framework

➤ Identifies priority areas for action

➤ Adaptation Committee

➤ Responsible to the COP

➤ Details to be worked out at COP 17 in Durban

➤ Finance the “Big Issue”

Cancun Agreements



➤ **A1 (Developed) Mitigation**

- Copenhagen Accord commitments brought under the UNFCCC process
- Countries are urged to increase their level of ambition in line with AR4 of the IPCC
- Little detail on reliance on ET, JI, CDM, sinks to meet targets, nothing on compliance...
- Provisions for enhanced MRV for obligations re mitigation, technology & finance

Cancun Agreements



➤ NA1 (Developing) Mitigation

- Poverty eradication and economic development are priorities
- Mitigation action commitment from Copenhagen brought under UNFCCC
- Registry for supported and unilateral NAMA's
- Int'l MRV of supported NAMA's
- National Communication every 4 years, biennial reports on mitigation actions & support
- ICA on unilateral NAMA's
- Framework for REDD

Cancun Agreements



➤ Technology

➤ **Technology Mechanism** established

➤ Technology Executive Committee (TEC)

- Made up of 20 experts, ready to start work

- To identify needs, priorities, actions to overcome barriers and catalyze development & use of technology action plans

➤ Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)

- Still work to do to get it going

➤ **Priorities:** Strengthening national innovation systems, developing & deploying environmental sound technologies

➤ **Unresolved:** Issues of funding & intellectual property rights

Cancun Agreements



➤ Finance

- 30 Billion commitment brought under UNFCCC
- 100 Billion/year commitment by 2020 brought under UNFCCC
- No agreement on public vs private sources
- Reference to AGF report, but no specific funding sources identified
- Green Climate Fund established (transitional committee to operationalize)

State of the Negotiations

- No agreement on targets for A1 (urged to increase ambition)
- US a real challenge to bring in (A1, but not Kyoto)
- Canada, New Zealand, Russia, ... reluctant participants
- All this allows developing countries to continue to resist meaningful action
- Some are nevertheless showing leadership

The United States



- Not willing to take on an international commitment that it cannot implement at home
- Approach is to only commit internationally after domestic implementation is secured
- No comprehensive national mitigation plan anytime soon
- Not willing to join KP
- Limited willingness to fund developing countries
- Feels economically threatened by China

Canada



- Only country to ratify & then renounced the Kyoto Protocol
- Cancelled important federal mitigation programs but subsidizes the O&G sector ~ \$1.4 billion annually.
- Senate killed the only piece of climate change legislation under consideration in Parliament without debate
- Actively lobbying against policies in the EU and US that try to deal with the high GHG emissions from the tar sands

Canada



- It is the only country to weaken its target in Copenhagen.
- Hiding behind the US without the same domestic challenges
- Bottom Line:
 - Not interested in advancing negotiations
 - Not influential, but a problem, similar to Saudi Arabia

The European Union



- Significant economic investment in climate mitigation
- France, Germany, Britain committed to low GHG emissions development path
- Some EU countries more reluctant
- Open to KP 2nd CP, but only if...
- Financial crisis is hurting EU position
- Will not block a good agreement, but not leading as much as it used to

China



- East/west divide internally
 - East very under-developed
 - Parts of west much closer to a developed country
- Domestic action versus international commitment
 - Quite aggressive in domestic action
 - Resisting international commitment & oversight
- China's domestic interest versus China as a global player
 - within BASIC, within G-77, G-20, Globally...

India



- Historical responsibility versus capacity
- Least developed of BASIC
- Perhaps most concerned that future development will be constrained
- Most insistent that developed countries take on 2nd CP under Kyoto
- Most insistent that developing countries not be required to take on firm targets

Durban To Do List



- Short, medium, and long-term targets consistent with the science, CBDR, & precaution (Global, G-77, Annex I)
- Adjustments to Kyoto Mechanisms
- Sources of finance for mitigation & adaptation in G-77
- Agreement on how to make key technologies available on large scale in G-77
- Agreement on mitigation commitments that includes US & Brazil, South Africa, India, China (BASIC)
- **Legal form of agreement**

Legal Form Options Kyoto



- **2nd CP & amendments to Annex B (unrealistic)**
- **'Political 2nd CP' - captured in a CMP decision:**
(ambitious)
 - agree to future amendments to Annex B, & to Kyoto rules
 - agree on 'transitional arrangements'
 - apply these from 1 January 2013, without pursuing signature/ratification

Legal Form Options Kyoto



- Agree to continue with certain/all Kyoto rules/mechanisms/targets for a defined period until there is a single agreement – captured in a:
 - CMP decision within the UNFCCC
 - Agreement outside the UNFCCC involving those willing (possible?)
- Agree to continue discussions (or do nothing)

Legal Form Options Beyond Kyoto

- **Legally binding agreement** (unrealistic)
- **COP decision with mandate to negotiate legally binding agreement**
 - Option 1: clear scope, elements, process, timeline & outcome (ambitious)
 - Option 2: open on scope, elements, process, timeline and outcome (ambitious, possible?)
- **Continue negotiating legal form**



Substantive Issues for Durban & Beyond

➤ **The Ambition Gap**

- 2 degrees goal
- Insufficient short and medium term commitment to get there (A1)
- Debate over need to go to 1.5 degrees

➤ **Finance**

- 30 billion short-term finance 2010 - 2012
- 100 billion a year long-term finance by 2020
 - Private versus public funding
 - Sources

➤ **Future of Kyoto & its basic approach**



The Long Term View

- We live in a carbon constrained world
- We will increasingly be forced to reduce/eliminate emissions or pay (or some combination)
- The cost of emitting will go up & up the more we delay
- Economic opportunities in finding solutions will grow
- Climate change will reach all aspects of our lives
- Cost of adaptation and the impacts will continue to increase as we continue to delay adequate mitigation action