



CREATION OF AN ONLINE DATABASE COMPILING POSITIONS OF 68 COUNTRIES PARTIES TO THE UNFCCC

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>The review of the Kyoto Protocol was initiated in 2005, before the first commitment period of the Protocol (2008-2012). This review was made through the Ad hoc Working Group on the review of commitments (AWG-KP) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA), formalized in 2007.</p> <p>Organized into five topics (Shared Vision, Mitigation, Adaptation, Technology transfer and Finance) and multiple sub-topics (including LULUCF and REDD+) in the Bali Action Plan, negotiations would intensify with the objective to establish a Post-2012 Climate Regime.</p> <p>During the 2006-2009 period, there have been no less than one month of UN negotiations per year (in various forums: COP, COP/MOP, SBSTA, SBI, AWG-LCA, AWG-KP).</p> <p>France chaired the council of the European Union from July to December 2008. As president, it supervised the negotiations process between its member states.</p> <p>A tool for compilation and analysis of the positions of the negotiating parties was developed to help with this task. This tool, a database available on the web, contains information on the positions of 68 countries as well as data to understand the issues of the land use sector in these countries and to understand the origin of their positions.</p> <p>This work helped to identify the main issues of the negotiations and the main groups of positions.</p>	<p>The tool developed was first presented in the form of an ACCESS database and then in the form of a website, so it can be filled simultaneously by several experts. The PHP programming language has been used, as well as the MySQL database management system.</p> <p>The tool consists of two interfaces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A consultation interface that presents information for 68 countries divided into two parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A section presenting raw data illustrating national issues (land use, deforestation and drivers, forest management, timber industry, natural disturbances, emissions by sector, socio-economic indicators, biodiversity ...) • A section presenting the official positions of countries on Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol flexibility mechanisms, accounting for wood products, REDD +, etc.) 2. A modification interface for European experts on carbon sinks to update the information on the positions of each country. The filling is oriented by choice lists to allow sorting and comparison of the positions of different countries on a same subject. <p>The tool is now available at www.salvaterra.fr/maden (login: visit, pwd: visit), only the consultation interface is publicly accessible.</p>