

# **Group 1 – Arriving at Long-term Goals for LCS**

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# Magnitude

- A large reduction in global GHG emissions is needed to achieve stabilisation
- Although the size of required global GHG emissions cuts are not precisely known it is clear they are large in magnitude
- The stabilisation level implies the magnitude of these cuts

# Urgency

- Short term action should be set in a long-term context (several decades or more) as it takes a long time to address issues
- To break away from the baseline emissions trend in a serious manner we need to act in a serious manner
- Importance of acting now
- There should be a simultaneous move from all countries

# Priorities

- There is common understanding of the global challenge ahead, but what different groups of countries have to do for the next decades is different
- Climate change is just one priority on a list of many for different countries
- There are development choices which you make which can benefit the climate

# Perspective

- Mixed views on the benefits of setting long-term targets, but all recognise the need for long-term perspective
- Our discussion should not be in isolation – still need a focus on climate change but need to be aware of other fora
- What countries are willing to do will vary depending on resources available
- The entire world needs be on a sustainable development path – each country is headed to the same destination but their starting points, and consequently the pathways are different