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Global Participation and Sustainable Development: Korea's Perspectives

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Prospects of Climate Change Negotiation



Marrakesh to Delhi

Marrakesh Accords

- paving the way for widespread ratification of the Kyoto Protocol
- providing the operational detail required to move the Kyoto Protocol from framework designing stage to implementation stage

Delhi Declaration

- beginning of shift in climate change negotiations from the specifics of implementing the Kyoto Protocol to the question of what happens next
- the emergence of a vigorous debate over next step in the development of an international framework for climate change
- beginning of dialogue on equitable sharing of responsibility for protecting climate



Entry into Force of the Kyoto Protocol

- Entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol in 2003 is now a possibility.
 - EU, Canada and Japan(O); US and Australia(X)
 - the timing for its entry into force depending on Russia's ratification
 - Russia's conflicting signals (COP-8) on the likely timing of a ratification, but remained optimism on Russia's ratification in 2003
- Postponed entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol (if)
 - return of US to the Kyoto Protocol
 - commitments of leading developing countries such as Korea and Mexico
- Rejection of Kyoto Protocol (if)
 - new system with global participation



Prospect of Kyoto Treaty

- Effectuation of Kyoto treaty excluding US and some other countries > two tracks of efforts by developed countries :
 - most countries: ratification of the protocol and implementation of domestic P&M to meet the binding target
 - US: pursuit of a separate climate change strategy, initially, separated from the international regime
- No clear potential on interaction between the US framework and the Kyoto framework
 - participation of US in international emission trading
- Two important areas of uncertainty have implications for the economic consequences of Kyoto Treaty
 - future targets
 - party participation



Future Targets and Party Participation

Future targets

- current emission targets applying only to 2008-2012
- further negotiation required on targets for the second and subsequent commitment periods, either as amendments to the protocol itself or as an entirely new agreement
- size and timeframe for these targets having considerable bearing on the costs of achieving them
- Party participation
 - ratification by some combination of key parties required for entry into force of Kyoto Protocol
 - overall economic impacts influenced by the combination
 - questions for significant long-term reduction of GHGs
 - developing country participation in emission abatement
 - possibility of any interaction between the Kyoto Protocol and the US framework



Global Participation

- The issue of developing country participation largely avoided in the UNFCCC negotiation
- Developing countries are expected to avoid the discussion about developing country participation without participation of US in Kyoto Protocol
- US approach to climate change
 - lack of developing country commitment => unfairness condemning developing countries to slow growth or no growth
 - flexible target: provides one of the potential avenues for bringing developing countries into the global abatement effort
 - facilitation of economic growth of each country
- Timing, threshold, flexibility of target, burden sharing, stringency, binding or non-binding of developing country commitment
 - worthwhile to analyze and change information informally at expert level



Position of Korea (1)

- Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol
 - endorsed by the National Assembly in 2002
- Timing of commitment to GHG emission reduction target
 - declared Korean government's intention to set the target during the third commitment period (1998)
- **■** Forms of commitment for developing countries
 - new approach maintaining sustained economic growth in those countries
 - prefer a more flexible architecture to the current fixed target option of the Kyoto Protocol.
 - a dynamic target option in which indexes are assigned based on key economic variables.



Position of Korea (2)

- Per GDP emissions target : one of the preferable methods
 - inviting developing countries to commit to global efforts
 - arguments due to difficulties in GDP verification
- Research on various scenarios of GHG emissions reduction target led by Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI)
 - timing and forms of commitments, and their impacts on the national economy
 - focus on the best course of action minimizing the negative impacts on the national economy



Global Participation



Modeling Approach: GTEM-KOR

- Based on GTEM with GTAP database and GEMAPCK software
- Multi-commodity, multi-region, dynamic CGE model
 - 19 commodities and 23 regions
 - dynamic components : debt, capital and population
- Accounts for carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide emissions
- Application to analysis on trade, energy and environmental policies



Sectors in GTEM-KOR (Max. 50)

- 1 Coal
- **2** Oil
- 3 Gas
- 4 Petroleum and coal products
- **5** Electricity
- 6 Iron and steel
- 7 Nonferrous metals
- 8 Chemals, rubbers and plastics
- 9 Nonmetalic minerals
- **10 Other metalic minerals**

- 11 Other manufacturing
- 12 Service
- 13 Trade and transport
- 14 Crops
- 15 Rice
- 16 Livestock
- 17 Meat and milk products
- 18 Processed foods
- 19 Fishery and forestry



Regions in GTEM-KOR (Max. 45)

- 1 Australia
- 2 New Zealand
- 3 United States
- 4 Canada
- 5 Japan
- 6 European Union
- **7 Former Soviet Union**
- 8 Eastern Europe
- 9 Middle East
- 10 North Africa
- 11 South Africa

- 12 China
- 13 South Korea
- 14 Chinese Taipei
- 15 Indonesia
- 16 Rest of ASEAN
- 17 India
- 18 Mexico
- 19 Brazil
- 20 Argentina
- 21 Venezuela
- 22 Columbia
- 23 Rest of the world



Scenarios of Global Participation

Assumption

- developing countries: abatement commitment with developed countries (including US) from the 2nd commitment period
- 5% reduction of GHG from the 1st commitment period
- international emission trading
- Developing countries : three groups
 - based on analysis and literature review on the issue of burden sharing
 - group 1 : Korea, Mexico, Argentina, Indonesia, Brazil, Colombia,
 Rest of ASEAN
 - group 2 : China(including Chinese Taipei), India, Middle East,
 Venezuela
 - group 3 : other developing countries



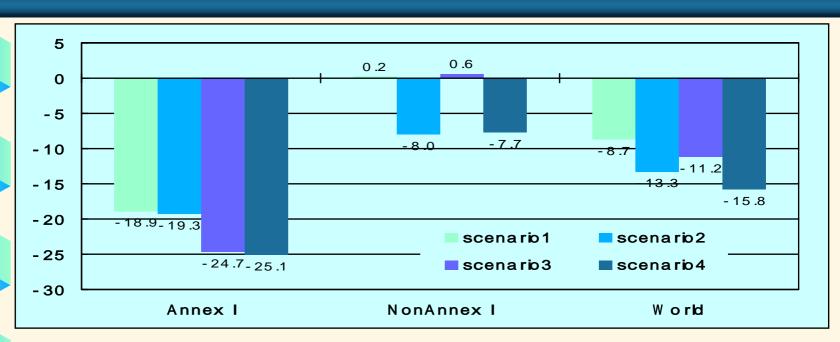
Scenarios of Global Participation

Scenarios of GHG abatement commitment

scenario	1 st commitment period	2 nd commitment period
1	No U.S. participation (own strategy)	Annex I, group 1
2		Annex I, group 1 & 2
3	U.S. participation	Annex I, group 1
4		Annex I, group 1 & 2



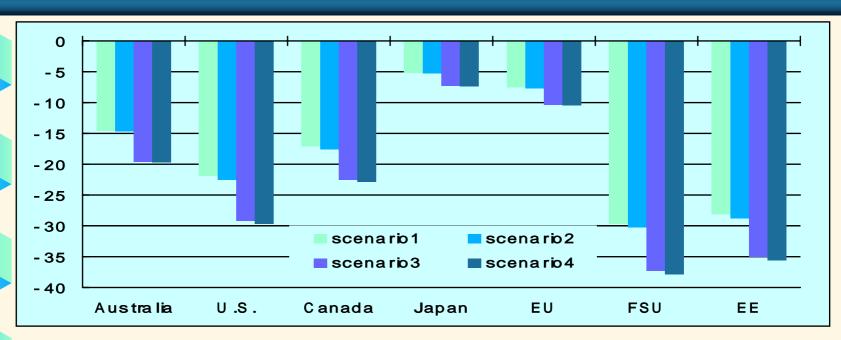
GHG Emissions



- More reduction of GHG emissions with participation of U.S. in the Kyoto Protocol
- Important role of developing countries (especially group 2) in mitigating climate change



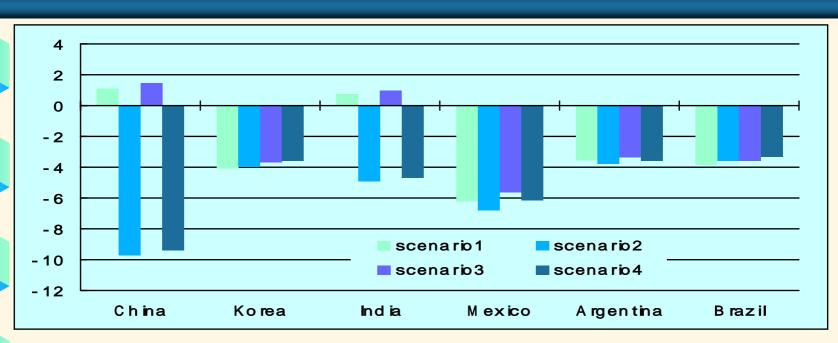
GHG Emissions (Annex I)



- FSU and EE ⇒ net seller
- Japan and EU ⇒ relatively high marginal abatement cost
- No significant change of emissions with participation of group 2



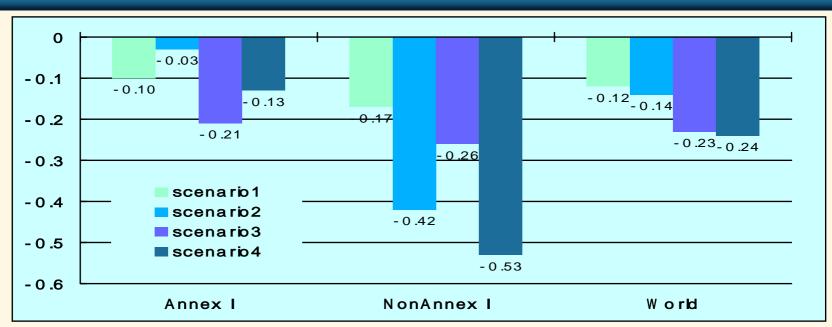
GHG Emissions (Non-Annex I)



- Increase of emissions from China and India without participation to the commitment of GHG emission reduction
- Insignificant change of emissions from group 1 countries with participation of group 2 in the commitment



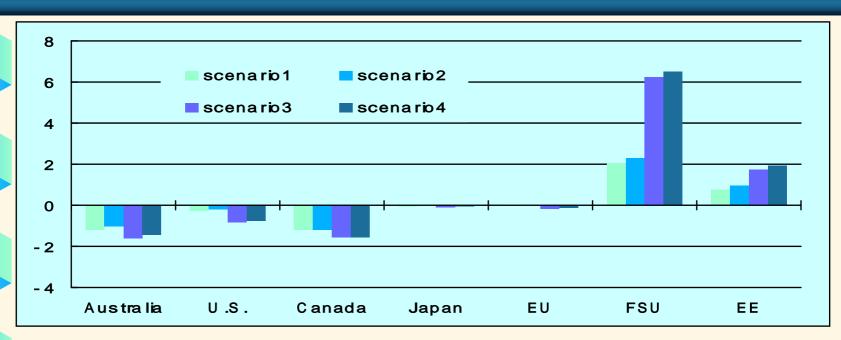
Gross National Products (GNP)



- Increase of economic costs with US's participation in the Kyoto Protocol
- Decrease of economic costs of Annex I with expansion of Non-Annex I participation in the GHG abatement commitment



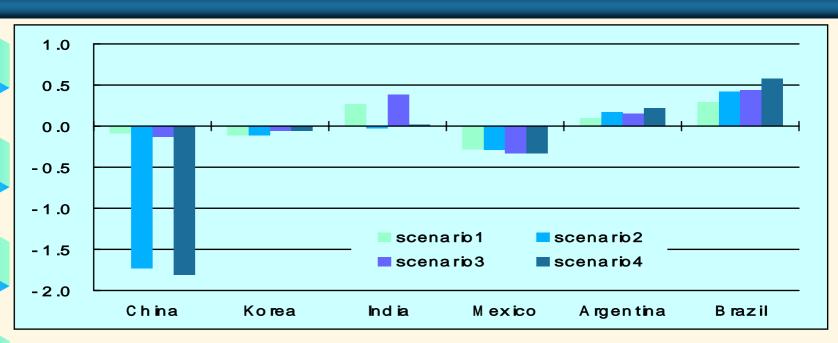
Gross National Products (Annex I)



- Increase of costs of developed countries and increase of benefits of FSU and EE with US participation in the Kyoto Protocol
- Decrease of costs of developed countries and increase of benefits of FSU and EE with expansion of developing country participation



Gross National Products (Non-Annex I)



Note: Percentage change relative to the reference case in 2015

■ Impacts depending on the commitment of GHG abatement and economic circumstance (i.e. industrial structure) of each economy



Implications for Global Participation

- Mitigation of climate change
 - insignificant contribution of participation of leading developing countries (i.e. group 1 countries)
 - small increase of global economic costs with expansion of developing country participation from group 1 to group 1+2, but significant reduction of global GHG emission
- Conditions for effective and cost-saving reduction of GHG emissions
 - participation of US in the Kyoto Protocol
 - participation of developing countries in group 2 in GHE reduction commitment

Thank you !!!



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