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- To be consistent with the “average 7% per annum reduction” commitment in the Programme for Government, the proposed carbon budgets of 495 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq budgets should be reduced at least 27 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq to a total of 468 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq
- To be consistent with the UNEP “average per annum reduction of 7.6%” the proposed carbon budgets of 495 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq budgets should be reduced by about 41 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq – to a total of 454 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq
- It is essential that the MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq amount in each Carbon Budget relates only to emissions and removals measurable within the time period of that budget. Any emission reduction or removals which may occur after that time period must not be included when calculating or assessing achievement of that carbon budget. This must not include any premature counting of potential future removals in current Carbon Budgets. We cannot and must not seek to adjust planetary facts to suit economic interests or incentives
- The Minister should reconsider the backloading between budgets, take full advantage of current macroeconomic opportunities to deliver a fast and fair just transition and take urgent actions to ensure emission reductions in first 18 months.
- *The 2030-2035 Carbon Budget must deliver on climate justice and be consistent with Paris principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities. A review of the 2026 – 2030 carbon budget should also be scheduled to address these issues*
- The Minister should revise/reduce the proposed Carbon Budgets, to make them more ‘consistent’ with Articles 2 and 4(1) of the Paris Agreement, including ‘equity’ and “common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities”.
- The Minister should also strengthen the consideration and weighting given to climate justice when finalising the proposed Carbon Budgets
- More emphasis, analysis & policy tools, including those used by UNEP, should be applied by CCAC and the Minister to assess Ireland’s “fair share’ of emission reductions under Paris and our responsibilities in terms of climate justice.
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- **As the first budget is very likely to fall short on climate justice and fair share, it should be accompanied by other measures like new, additional, climate funding.**

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