

**Closing statement by the Chair of the LEG, Mr Batu Uprety
at the NAP Expo
Bonn, Friday 8 August 2014**

Honourable Kare Chawicha Debessa,

**Mr. Youssef Nassef, Coordinator of the Adaptation Programme in the
UNFCCC Secretariat**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have now reached the end of our two-day NAP Expo, here in Bonn – the second hometown of most of the climate negotiators, present here.

It is our hope that the NAP Expo has provided all of us the opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, good practices and lesson learned, as well as the gaps and needs in adaptation to climate change. It is my belief that we have met the core objectives of the NAP Expo, and that we will see more action and support on the ground.

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I take this opportunity to introduce you to the His Excellency, Honourable Kare Chawicha Debessa, The State Minister of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, of the Government of Ethiopia, to make reflections on the NAP Expo.

Thank you Honourable Minister for being with us for two days, and we are ready to hear from you:

MINISTER'S STATEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you Honourable Minister for your statement, and your strong commitment on climate change adaptation, that will ultimately contribute to meet the needs of the poor people.

Dear Colleagues and Friends

Let me now thank all key note speakers for their thought-provoking presentations. There a clear signal on the need for supporting climate vulnerable

communities by developing and strengthening institutions, establishing feed-back system, and empowering and engaging stakeholders with adequate funding and capacity building components.

Let me also take this opportunity to appreciate the role played by the moderators in parallel thematic sessions and rapporteurs for preparing and sharing the key messages.

I would like to thank all participants from countries, constituted bodies of the UNFCCC, UN and its specialised agencies, academe and research institutions, including the Chair of the LDC Group.

Let me thank those who worked and working very hard behind the scene. I would also recognise the contribution and guidance of the Advisory group to the NAP Expo including Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee.

Let me also thank and appreciate the role of the UNFCCC Secretariat, Youssef Nassef, Coordinator of the Adaptation Programme, and your team, for your active engagement and support to make NAP Expo happen and make successful. Let me also appreciate the GSI for providing the space and facilities for Expo.

Finally, I would like to appreciate my colleagues, the LEG members present here and those who could not manage to attend, for their very hard work to organise the NAP Expo in the form you observed. Thank colleagues.

With these, see you in similar events again, **the NAP Expo is closed!**

Thank you all, and hope for safe back home or to your next destination.