

Chair's statement delivered during the closing session

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I heard from participants the need to advance our work towards a speedy outcome at SBSTA 28 on the next activities to be carried out by the NWP in its next phase. All of you, including myself as SBSTA Chair, are concerned with the huge work to be accomplished in the next sessions of the four UNFCCC subsidiary bodies.

For this reason is my intention to follow your guidance and do my best to speed out these outcomes.

In this regard, I intend to:

- Guide the secretariat to prepare a meeting report that clearly include the useful suggestions mentioned by you in relation to further activities in the next phase of the NWP;
- Prepare in a very informal way a non-paper containing a balanced proposal on future activities based mainly on the action oriented subthemes of decision 2/CP11 and following the current structure of nine areas, considering that many of you have requested to give priority to adaptation planning and practices, and the need to have more activities in the area of economic diversification

In preparing this non-paper I would take into consideration the following:

- Submissions by Parties, and I take the opportunity to encourage Parties that have not been done so to provide these views, in the course of this month, in order that other Parties can read your views and take them into account;
- The multiple and useful suggestions on potential next steps mentioned by representatives of Parties in this meeting;
- Elements of the background paper;
- The need for prompt response to the need to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including LDCs and SIDS, to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change, on a sound scientific, technical and socio economic basis;
- Consideration of ways to promote the implementation of recommendations resulting from the first phase of the NWP that pertain to the SBSTA domain, but taking into account that this body may decide to provide advice and information to other bodies under the Convention, which we may wish to encourage;
- The need for close cooperation and complementarity of the adaptation work undertaken under the LCA and SBI. In this regard I would consult my colleagues the Chairs of these bodies to obtain their views on this matter and I will convey this information to you at the first meeting of the possible contact group;
- The busy schedule that we have ahead on the next two years, but balancing this with the need of having outcomes that could inform the other important ongoing adaptation streams under the UNFCCC;
- The possibility of conducting some technical work in parallel to the intensive negotiations, including the involvement of NWP partners organizations that could provide useful inputs;
- Finally, but not least important, the need of having meetings like this, in which representatives from Parties may take stock of the work done and facilitate the elaboration of further guidance by the SBSTA on the implementation of NWP activities

It is clear for all of us that this non-paper does not have any official status and it only could be used as a basis for consideration of further NWP activities, if Parties during SBSTA 28 agree to this.

It is my intention to take advantage of the fact that many of you will come to Bonn before the sessions to regional or constituency meetings, and that the SBSTA will begin on Wednesday, in order to consult with you the elements of this non-paper and benefit of your advice before the start of consideration of NWP future activities.