

Working document

Workstream 2

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Main observations:

- Parties advanced the process of sharing their general views on the elements text.¹
- The focus of today's meeting was on implementation matters regarding mitigation. The representative of a Party who had been asked to conduct informal consultations reported back to the group as follows:
 - Many Parties stressed the need to strengthen the language in order to better convey the sense of urgency that prompted the establishment of workstream 2;
 - Some Parties noted that work performed under workstream 2 should be enhanced in order to reinforce its focus on implementation, including the implementation of commitments under the Kyoto Protocol and the Bali Action Plan, and to set out concrete steps to ensure that all countries reach their highest possible mitigation efforts pre-2020;
 - Some Parties held that it was critical for developed countries to take the lead by fully implementing their mitigation commitments and targets, and by increasing these commitments and targets so they are in line with the levels required by science, and for developing countries to continue developing and implementing their nationally appropriate mitigation actions in conjunction with the delivery of support;
 - Some Parties suggested urging all Parties to consider opportunities for enhancing mitigation outcomes, rather than just those Parties with existing pledges, and that it would be useful to have a facilitative discussion on how Parties without pledges could consider making them;
 - Some Parties suggested urging all Parties to participate in agreed measurement, reporting and verification processes under the Convention and that clarity on the progress of all Parties in fulfilling their pledges was important so as to enable the highest possible mitigation efforts;
 - Some Parties called for the recognition of the social and economic value of voluntary mitigation actions and their co-benefits in adaptation, health and sustainable development;
 - Some Parties observed the need to prevent the double-counting of mitigation in the pre-2020 period, stating that this should be considered as an important opportunity to enhance ambition;
 - Some Parties asked that the text more strongly address the efforts of non-State actors, suggesting that their pledges and actions be recognized, referenced and welcomed in the strongest terms, with some Parties going one step further and proposing that non-State actors be invited to demonstrate their actions through mechanisms such as the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action platform.
- He also reported that some Parties suggested linking mitigation implementation with the development of financial instruments to mobilize additional finance in support of voluntary action, including by non-State actors, favouring a clearer transition from urgency in mitigation efforts with urgency in providing support.
- It was agreed that the Co-Facilitators would undertake bilateral meetings with interested groups/Parties, and that in parallel another representative of a Party would conduct informal consultations on the technical examination process, with a focus on adaptation matters, and that the outcomes of these activities would be communicated to Parties at tomorrow evening's facilitated meeting (Thursday, 3 September from 19:00 to 21:00), at which time the Co-Facilitators would seek Parties' guidance on the way forward.

¹ ADP.2015.5.InformalNote (available at <http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/9176.php>).