

INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN  
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**Opening Statement for the ADP 2.8**

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Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean – AILAC.
2. Allow me to begin by associating ourselves with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of the G77 and China.
3. Co-Chairs, AILAC warmly welcomes and congratulates you on your appointment as the new ADP Co-Chairs. We trust that you will draw upon your extensive and esteemed experience to guide our discussions during this crucial year of the negotiations.
4. AILAC would like to congratulate the Peruvian presidency for the advances made in Lima under their leadership. At COP20 we achieved all tasks that had been set out for us, specifically:
  - We acknowledged the progress made in elaborating the elements for a draft negotiating text that are annexed to decision 1/CP.20. By doing so, Lima succeeded in setting us on track for an ambitious Paris Agreement this year, by providing us with this elaborate basis for our negotiations;
  - We identified the information for parties to provide when communicating their intended nationally determined contributions, in order to provide transparency, clarity and understanding, a critical step to be able to aggregate the contributions and assess our global efforts to reach the 2 degree goal;
  - In Lima we also decided on the continuation of our work on enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition under workstream 2 beyond 2015; which needs to play a significant role in closing the 8-10 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions gap that remains between emissions levels consistent with the 2 degree target and expected emissions levels if existing pledges are implemented.
  - The GCF's initial capitalization reached over USD 10 billion; with groundbreaking participation from a number of members of AILAC.
5. These are remarkable achievements that must be highlighted. Yet, much remains to be done in order to reach our common goal of having an ambitious, effective and robust 2015 Agreement in Paris. Time is pressing and we need to start without delay here in Geneva to continue our negotiations on the elements that AILAC considers to be priorities, such as the giving political parity to adaptation, establishing clear rules for mitigation, scaling up of finance for climate action, and the design of a durable architecture for commitment cycles.

Co-Chairs,

6. It is AILAC's belief that it can be of benefit to our negotiations if we can agree at this ADP session to a clear and transparent method for streamlining the texts we are collectively working on. We are grateful for the Scenario Note produced by the Co-Chairs, which fosters transparency, inclusiveness and openness to input from the Parties.
7. It is also important to learn from our recent experience, and immediately start work on the basis of the annex of the Lima Call for Climate Action, with focused negotiations under the ADP contact group.
8. We believe it is critically important that the 2015 Agreement address in a balanced manner mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation. The Agreement should include collective goals on these three issues, in order to provide a shared sense of direction to our global efforts to enhance climate change actions.
9. We expect all Parties to come forward with ambitious and aggregable mitigation contributions in their respective INDCs, which should enable us to remain under the 2 degree C limit to temperature increase.
10. The Agreement should also contemplate provisions on national contributions related to adaptation and means of implementation that reflect the individual dimension of action to address climate change.
11. AILAC emphasizes the need that the Paris Agreement be durable, rules-based and ratifiable, with a system of national contributions by all Parties that is dynamic and allows for increasing ambition over time, in line with sustainable development.

Co-Chairs,

12. AILAC is willing to cooperate with all Parties and to continue our work under your guidance, to reach ambitious consensus as soon as possible. We fully trust you to guide us through this endeavor, you have all our support to move forward decisively. We trust that this is the spirit in which our negotiating partners have come to Geneva, to lay the foundation that will allow us to achieve successive milestones during this year, so that at CoP 21 in Paris, the Protocol that we adopt strengthens the multilateral climate change regime, is effective and durable and ensures low emissions and climate resilient development.
13. Co-Chairs, this year is critical not only because we must adopt the 2015 Agreement and successfully conclude the Durban mandate, but also because the window of opportunity is closing to protect current and future generations from dangerous and irreversible climate change impacts. Our goal is clear, is and we understand the tremendous amount of political will and

cooperation that it will take to get there. So let us act swiftly, decisively and with a unified front to make 2015 the year of solutions.

Thank you.