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Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I am here on behalf of Tomasz Chruszczow, Chair of the SBI, and of the Durban Forum. He requested me and my colleague Helen Plume to assist him in facilitating the 2nd meeting of the Durban Forum, and it is my pleasure to provide an overview of the work of the Durban Forum at this session.
- The Durban Forum has been established to enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building. As stated in decision 2/CP.17, participants of the Durban Forum are Parties, representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and relevant experts and practitioners, who can avail of this event to share their experiences and exchange ideas, best practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of capacity-building activities in developing countries.
- Representatives of Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector alternated in presenting programmes and initiatives aimed at scaling up the delivery of capacity- building for adaptation and mitigation, and integrating gender perspectives in climate change policies at the national level.
- Presentations highlighted aspects relating to capacity-building for a long-term planning of adaptation or mitigation actions, barriers encountered and overcome in the delivery of capacity-building, and the role and engagement of stakeholders.

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- Part II of the Durban Forum will take place this afternoon, and I see some colleagues here who will have the pleasure of returning to, or having a closer look at the Durban Forum today, when you will have the opportunity to brief the participants on capacity-building elements in the work and mandates of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.
- Today's agenda features also presentations on capacity-building for the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and a panel discussion on how to catalyse actions to build capacity for mitigation and adaptation at the national level, and on possible ways of enhancing the means to build and deliver such capacity.
- On a related matter, I would also like to inform Parties that the first Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention, as mandated by COP 18, will take place next week, on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 June in the afternoon, in room REGER. The first Dialogue will allow Parties and observers to share their experiences, exchange ideas, good practices and lessons learned on climate change education, training and international cooperation on these matters.
- Thank you again for the opportunity to provide an update on the work of the Durban Forum on capacity building at this session.