

LMDC Opening Statement
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Co-Chairs, colleagues,

1. Sudan has the honour to deliver this opening statement on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries in Climate Change (LMDC). We fully associate ourselves with the statement made by Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. The group looks forward to continuing our work in the ADP. We must urgently act to address the climate change crisis and protect the integrity of Mother Earth under the Convention. Developing countries are well aware of this and are doing a large number of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions domestically to implement the Convention.

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3. You sent to Parties your informal notes on your perception and understanding of the discussions from the various roundtables at the first half of this session. Unfortunately, we have reservations on the annexes to the informal note. There was no engagement between or consensus among the Parties on these. There cannot be convergence on selective issues that portray a skewed picture of ADP progress. Convergence can be based on the ADP's mandate from Durban and Doha for enhanced action under the four main pillars of the Convention. Discussing these annexes will only distract us from moving forward in the ADP. The technical note of the Secretariat fails to fully capture the views of developing countries. This lack of balance concerns us. It cannot carry any legal weight in the ADP process or negotiations.
4. Equitable and durable "win-win-win" solutions for the people, the climate, and sustainable development under the Convention cannot be achieved by wasting time discussing some new concepts and ideas deviating from, renegotiating, rewriting, replacing, restricting, and reinterpreting, the principles, provisions, and structure of the Convention. The ADP should instead advance its work through constructive, progressive, and positive engagement by all Parties in accordance with its mandate. On this, we wish to make three points:

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5. ***First, Workstreams 1 and 2 must have a balanced approach.*** Annex I Parties should immediately take the lead in showing pre-2020 ambition. Annex 1 KP Parties must immediately ratify the KP amendment for the 2nd commitment period, increase their QELROs substantially, and remove any conditions for doing so. Non-KP Annex 1 Parties should make comparable unconditional increases in

their mitigation targets under the Bali Action Plan outcome. These should be done no later than April 2014. Annex II parties should also show increased ambition by fully financing mitigation projects, including those already in the CDM pipeline (amounting to 6 gigatons of reductions), in developing countries regardless of the carbon price and without seeking to get emission reduction credits for doing so. A successful outcome in Workstream 2 in filling implementation gaps and increasing pre-2020 ambition lays the basis for achieving future success in Workstream 1 for post-2020 enhanced action under the Convention.

6. The selection of themes for the roundtables and workshops must be balanced and comprehensive, and reflect the different elements within the two Workstreams. Specific themes are needed on enhanced provision of finance and on enhanced technology development and transfer, including removal of barriers. Themes that do not reflect the agreed elements of the Workstreams, such as investments and enabling environment for such investments, divert us from the problem of the inadequate provision of financing and technology from developed to developing countries under the Convention. Under Workstream 1, there should be workshops on enhancing the provision of the finance and technology support from developed countries to developing countries, and a roundtable on how developed countries take the lead after 2020. Under Workstream 2, the equity issue and increasing the pre-2020 ambition on finance and technology support from developed countries should also have workshops. We are concerned and find unacceptable those proposals which seek to discuss a selective list of issues as sectoral activities under Workstream 2, some of which imply imposing additional burdens on developing countries contrary to both the letter and spirit of the Convention.
7. Any shift in approach in Workstream 2 away from the Convention approach, such as a “result-oriented approach”, endangers the process. It is only the Convention approach – where developed countries take the lead and support developing countries in implementing the Convention – that will give positive results.

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8. ***Second, the four pillars of the Convention must now be dealt with in a more organized and structured way, consistent with the mandate of the ADP from Durban and Doha.*** Both paragraph 5, decision 1/CP.17, and paragraph 6, decision 2/CP.18, laid out the scope and the elements to be covered as part of the plan of work of the ADP under Workstream 1. These elements are: mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action and support, and capacity-building. We should focus on these existing “common ground” elements, and build on them as integral, comprehensive, holistic, and interlinked components of the outcome of the ADP by 2015.

9. Based on the four pillars of the Convention and the agreed elements from Durban and Doha, the ADP negotiations should address the following: enhanced Annex 1 mitigation commitments; enabled and supported non-Annex 1 nationally appropriate mitigation actions; enhanced action and support to adaptation in developing countries and an effective international mechanism on loss and damage; the enhanced provision of finance, including for technology development and transfer; enhanced technology access, transfer, and development, including through removal of barriers such as intellectual property rights; enhanced capacity building from developed countries to developing countries; forest activities, including through non-market-based mechanisms; effectively addressing the economic and social consequences of response measures on developing countries; and transparency and compliance.

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10. ***Third, process shapes and can affect the legitimacy and credibility of the outcome.*** The negotiations must be open, transparent, Party-driven, fully participatory, and provide mutual benefits for all. Enhanced developing country participation, including of LDCs and SIDS, in the process must be fully supported through additional funding. The negotiating approach, pace, and procedural and substantive progress of all issues and their elements must be appropriately sequenced and balanced, based on the four pillars of the Convention. The chairs of the Convention's other subsidiary bodies, including SBI, SBSTA, GCF, SCF, TEC, CTCN, LTF, Adaptation Committee, should periodically brief the ADP.
11. Finally, Co-Chairs, rest assured that our group, as individual Parties and as part of the Group of 77 and China, will continue to work constructively and positively with you at this session, your successors, and all Parties of the Convention.

Thank you, Co-Chairs

