

SBI Closing Intervention

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My name is Katie, I am Canadian and speaking for the youth constituency.

Despite the large SBI agenda, the inevitability of further warming, and associated impacts, makes loss and damage an urgent issue. A strong mechanism on Loss and Damage must be established in Warsaw.

The silent disasters of slow onset events cannot be ignored.

Alternative for sentence above to emphasise the point: The impacts of slow onset events cannot be ignored. Slow-onset events are not 'insert adjective' events, they are silent disasters. We need to call things for what they actually are. We are going to make it too long.

Barely perceptible to short-sighted plans, they will cause inconceivable displacements, losses of culture, losses of biodiversity, and losses of livelihoods, not to mention the losses of lives.

Recent tragic and unprecedented events in the Philippines, Micronesia, Mexico?, Vietnam, and Somalia shock and deeply sadden us, they show you cannot simply adapt to the impacts. You cannot adapt to the impacts of land sinking into the ocean. You cannot adapt to the impacts of ocean acidification and warming destroying fisheries. You cannot adapt to the impacts of a drought so harsh it becomes permanent. Change to?: You cannot adapt to the impacts of permanent droughts. The reason I didn't say that was that saying a drought so harsh it becomes permanent brings in the element of time. but it does sound tighter the other way. Fair enough, i just thought it was an awkward phrasing

You cannot adapt to the impacts of being hit by record-breaking typhoons year after year. You cannot adapt to losing your home. We need to account for climate migrants.

Additionally? Capacity Building is needed to ensure the skills and knowledge of our next generation. It has to be gender sensitive and monitored efficiently. We need to build the capacity of people in order for Loss and Damage to also be a success. Can we put something about CB in the paragraph about the mechanism?

Quote from briefing yesterday on CB -

We must remind you that addressing Loss and Damage in developing countries is part of the obligations enumerated in the Convention. But, just addressing the issue is not enough.

The mechanism should actively address issues of rehabilitation and responsibility. It cannot be a new body to just coordinate humanitarian aid. And it must stand on its own. It cannot neglect slow onset events and non-economic losses, nor can it rely solely on insurance as a solution because we are no longer dealing with risk: we are dealing with inevitable impacts.

Some countries, including my own, refuse to heed their obligations from the Convention, they refuse to work to establish that which they owe to the world. Using an issue as critical as this for a political game is irresponsible.

To developing countries pushing for a strong mechanism, We Stand With You.

Thank you.