

**Statement on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)  
By the Republic of the Sudan, at the Opening Plenary of Forty Session of  
the Subsidiary Body for Implementation  
Bonn, Germany, 4 - 15 June 2014**

**Mr. Chair,**

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group. The Africa Group associates itself with the statement made by the Republic of Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China

Allow me at the outset to express our appreciations to the Government of Germany for hosting this meeting, and for the Convention's Secretariat for their excellent arrangements.

The African Group would like congratulating you as new Chair for the SBI and wishing you every success in steering this august body to successful results. Mr. Chair you can certainly count on our support

**Mr. Chair,**

We appreciate the progress made in Warsaw in some important areas of the SBI agenda, such as Loss and Damage, continuation of the mandate of the CGE with a revised term of reference. However we are very concerned about lack of progress in other very important areas such as the matters relating to the implementation of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, also the lack of progress on review of the form on response measures and technology transfer.

**Mr. Chair,**

The African Group calls on all parties to work diligently here in Bonn to conclude work of the SBI on key issues such as:

**Kyoto protocol issues,** during the closing of the SBI 39 Africa raised its disappointment about lack of progress in the agenda item on the review of the modalities and procedure for the clean development mechanism. Mr. Chairman, CDM has so far shown limited benefits to African countries. We need to review the modalities and procedures in a manner that will make CDM accessible to Parties where CDM had little success. We cannot afford to have a limited number of Parties benefiting from the CDM. It is our hope that this session will see progress on this important matter.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, the Africa group wants to stress this important fact about respecting the previous decisions. In this regard we call upon all countries particularly Annex I Parties to speedily ratify the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Doha outcome clearly indicated (in the decision 1/CMP.8), the commitments taken by Annex I parties under the second commitment period were not enough and need to be revisited by submitting information on additional efforts to increase the ambition level of emission reduction targets to decrease the emission gap. The Doha Amendments needs to come into force as soon as possible so that we can have certainty on the CDM credits that are being generated during this period of provisional application.

**On item 4b,** on financial and technical support, the African Group notes that the sixth replenishment process for the GEF was concluded at the GEF council meeting that ended in Cancun. In this regard the African Group would like to reiterate that the operating entity's main role is to assist developing countries in implementing both adaptation and mitigation projects and programs. also the group would like to highlight that the issue of GEF co-finance provides extra burden on many developing countries in benefiting from the resources, the group highlights the

importance of improving the access procedures and transparency of the work of the GEF and the operating entities of the financial mechanism.

**On item 18, Programme Budget,** the group notes that the program budget was adopted by the parties in Warsaw, however the group highlights that the imbalance between adaptation and mitigation allocations within the budget and within the postings within the secretariat is still an issue of concern, the African Group did refer to this issue for some time and the group is expecting that the next draft program budget would deal with the issue to provide more focus on adaptation from the regular budget and not the supplementary one"

**On NAPs,** The African Group, welcomes the continued provision of technical support by the LEG and the global support programme for the LDC NAP process and are hopeful that further technical support to other developing countries would be enhanced or established. Procedures for accessing finance and support for developing countries' NAPs need to be simplified, expeditious, flexible and practical.

**On Loss and Damage:** The AGN welcomes the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism for loss and damage, which must address the needs of Africa from extreme and slow onset events. We recognize the hard work that Parties put in to get this decision. We are however concerned that we not have the opportunity at this session to make inputs to the draft workplan that is being developed by the interim Executive Committee. We are hopeful that this issue will be resolved. We are also ready to engage in discussing the composition and procedures of the executive committee. We expect a composition with a more of members from developing countries. Relevant experts in the areas of rehabilitation, insurance, socio-economic impacts, permanent losses, and safety issues should also be incorporated in the Mechanism.

**On the review of the Adaptation Fund:** The African Group welcomes and appreciates the pledges made by developed country parties in Warsaw. However, the group stresses that the adaptation fund still faces major challenges that does have direct negative impact on its activities. The African group stresses on the fact that without establishing a fund raising process that provides predictable, sustainable and financial resources, that are adequate to cover the current pipeline and future projects, the concerns on the future of the fund and it's capacity to support adaptation projects in developing countries are still valid. In this regard the group will work with all parties to ensure that the review process of the adaptation fund will provide specific recommendation in this regard

**On technology development and transfer:** We welcome the joint report of CTCN and TEC and we hope that the issue of intellectual property rights be addressed in a manner that makes IPR work for the purpose of the achieving the objective of the technology process under the Convention. The Group also calls for continued support through the Poznan Strategic Programme for developing countries to prepare and update their TNAs and for continuing its support for pilot and demonstration projects, with more focus on technology for adaptation. Mr. Chair, there is an urgent need for supporting developing countries to implement their Technology Action Plan developed as part of the TNA process, the African Group look forward for the outcome of this session to provide clearer guidance to the Technology Mechanism to focus its work on addressing the financial barriers and needs for implementing the results of the TNAs.

**On capacity building:** The Group expects the third Durban forum to result in a comprehensive agreement that will build capacity of our institutions to carry out adaptation and mitigation actions now and in the future. The African Group calls for the establishment of a permanent institutional arrangement and a work programme

for Capacity building under the Convention. Africa also remains to support the view for development of performance indicators for monitoring and evaluation of implementation of capacity building framework consistent decision 2/CP.7.

**The 2013-2015 review:** The review should lead to the limiting of the global temperature goal to 1.5 degrees. This review forms an integral part of assessing the progress we are making towards achieving that temperature goal we have set ourselves, as well as whether the goal ensures our survival. The fifth assessment report of the IPCC is a sound input to this task, and further inputs are necessary to understand the progress we have made in supporting mitigation and adaptation action in developing countries. We see the outcomes of the Review as critical to the work of the ADP, as it will inform the contributions that Parties will undertake beyond 2020.

On response measures: The African group reaffirms that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries, and that developing country Parties face economic and social consequences of response measures to climate change. We appreciate the opportunity for the rich experience shared during the work program on response measures but note our disappointment that no decision could be reached in Warsaw. We stress the need for the forum and work program on response measures to continue as well as the need for an effective mechanism for enhanced action to address the social and economic consequences of the implementation of response measures. We look forward to progress on this agenda item during this session.

**Mr. Chair,**

We look forward to working constructively and successfully here in Bonn with all parties and to conclude on as many items of SBI agenda as possible and to avoid

transferring issues to Lima where more bodies will be meeting and competing over the limited time available.

**I thank you.**