



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES

The fortieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Mr Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

I am speaking on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States.

We would like to welcome you, Mr Chair in your new capacity and welcome all our friends in the room.

We are all gathered here in Bonn to advance the results achieved last November in Warsaw. The SBI has a critical role in this regard, since it provides a platform for Parties to discuss issues that are fundamental to the concrete implementation of the Climate Change Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.

The two reports released earlier this year by the IPCC concerning adaptation and mitigation provide crucial input to the negotiations and should guide the work further, under the SBI as well as under the other negotiation tracks. While we acknowledge that there are a variety of inter-linkages between the different negotiation tracks, the SBI should be able to operate in a smooth way.

More specifically, the EU would like to emphasize a number of issues for which it considers important to make progress at this session:

The establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage was one of the key outcomes of COP 19. We would like to see the mechanism operational as soon as possible, which requires the Expert Committee to complete its work plan without any delay.

Concerning the existing mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol, we believe that they will still play a role and the EU is ready to continue this discussion, including as regards CDM and JI. The review of these mechanisms should be compatible with greater ambition, promote scaled-up mitigation actions and enable net contributions to global mitigation efforts.

We very much look forward to the workshop on the nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) work programme which we hope will develop interactively, as it is essential to further the understanding of NAMAs and their diversity with a view to enabling their implementation.



We are looking forward to continuing the good discussions in the Structured Expert Dialogue under the 2013-2015 review, and to giving further guidance on the work of the SED and on how the outcomes of the Review might inform the work of the ADP.

In addition, we also look forward to the third meeting of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building. This year's themes are most topical for giving to the Parties and to capacity building practitioners a better understanding of how to enhance capacity building activities, as well as how capacity building could support preparedness for the new climate agreement.

Regarding reporting we are eager to move forward both on reporting for Non Annex I Parties as well as on reporting for Annex I Parties. These aspects are essential to develop further the architecture of the climate regime. This comprises the revision of the guidelines for national communications by Annex I Parties and the expert review process for the first commitment period, as well as the information contained in national communications from Non Annex I Parties.

Dear Mr Chair, dear friends let's all acknowledge: we have a lot to do here in Bonn and we should start the work immediately. As always, the EU will constructively engage in the discussions in order to advance negotiations under the SBI.

I thank you, Mr Chair.