

## Intervention by ActionAid on behalf of Climate Action Network in SBSTA on 7<sup>th</sup> June

Thank you Chair!

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to make this statement. My name is Harjeet Singh from ActionAid and I am speaking on behalf of the Climate Action Network.

Cancun has rightly brought to the forefront the issue of loss and damage associated with climate change impacts. Action is urgently needed, why we urge all Parties to work hard for agreeing a work programme already here in Bonn. It must aim to progress significantly action in the three areas addressed in the Cancún decision, with a view to providing clear recommendations to COP 18 to address these issues in an effective and sustainable manner.

Ms / Mr. Chair, the civil society organisations around the world have been working with the populations vulnerable to both severe weather events and slow onset impacts of climate change. We would like to support the loss and damage work programme with the expertise and knowledge that we have gathered all these years working in different ecosystems and in diverse cultural settings.

1. Our experience of working from grassroots to national to international level will help in **understanding and analysing** the complex issues of loss and damage and needs from the perspective of poor communities and fragile ecosystems.
2. Civil society has been intensively engaged with governments in **organising multi-stakeholder consultation and platforms** to develop better national level policies, ensuring the voices of the most vulnerable are included. Policies developed jointly with civil society and affected community lead to better design and ownership of the programme at all levels.
3. The **knowledge** gained by civil society over the years on the issues of disaster response, disaster risk reduction, migration, social protection etc will be instrumental in **designing and implementing programmes** that address loss and damage through appropriate international and national mechanisms.

The work of Global network of NGOs on DRR, of which ActionAid is a core committee member, is an appropriate example to share here! The GNDR pioneered the involvement of local communities and civil society in a local-level review process through the “Views from the Frontline” programme and has been working on bringing the “bottom-up” local-level perspective of Hyogo Framework progress to the national and global level. Lessons learnt from the continuing involvement of civil society and governments at the local level and linkages with national and international policy formulation and implementation in our view can be a key contribution to a successful work programme.

We look forward to engage with you to contribute meaningfully to the loss and damage work programme!

Thank you, Chair!