



**Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the
Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP)
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**Opening address by
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Good morning to all of you,

Together with the co-Chairs, I am happy to welcome you to this new venue for our sessions. It is a taste of the facilities you will be able to enjoy in the future thanks to the collaboration with the German government.

My dear friends, I welcome you here today not only with joy about this venue, but with a heightened sense of concern. The concern, which I am sure you have all read, is that the measurements of atmospheric concentrations [of CO₂] provided by Mauna Loa Observatory are already at 399.72 parts per million.

We are just about to cross the 400 ppm threshold. Hence, this meeting, the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, meets in the context of a heightened sense of urgency.

The ADP was created in Durban and was strengthened in Doha. This being the first time we are meeting since Doha, allow me to give you a quick reminder of what you have agreed.

In Doha, you reiterated your will to attain an effective 2015 agreement and to close the gap between our collective ambition and the demands of science.

In Doha, you also identified themes, reaffirmed milestones for Workstream 1 and agreed to focus the work of 2013 toward the agreement.

Under Workstream 2, you agreed to increase efforts to close the ambition gap. And, you have since then sent many proposals, which will be the basis of the technical paper that the secretariat, under the guidance of the co-Chairs, will prepare for your consideration.

Now, as we look toward 2015, it is important to realize that we have actually already used one third of the time allotted to the ADP.

Therefore, we must use the rest of the time wisely, both along the path toward initial elements of the agreement, as well as creatively encouraging proposals from national governments, from cities, from private sector, and from citizens to do more and to do it faster. And, to use the upcoming COP in Warsaw as a showcase of the actions that are already under way, on the ground.

The challenge in front of you is clear. You must ensure ambitious universal participation. You must ensure that you are true to the Convention. And, you must mobilize all stakeholders.

A daunting task, but one that I am sure you will be able to live up to if you continue the sense of trust and cooperation you have had in the ADP under the excellent leadership of your co-Chairs.

I am confident that you will be able to make a success out of this meeting, and I wish you a very productive week.

Thank you.
