

**Statement on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)
By the Republic of the Sudan, at the Opening Plenary of the Eighth Part of
the Second Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform
for Enhanced Action**

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Co-chairs,

The Republic of the Sudan has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group. The African Group associates itself with the statement made by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Let me at the outset congratulate you for your election and reiterate the Group's full support to a successful completion of your mandate.

The Group also likes to thank the Government of Switzerland for hosting the meeting in the beautiful city of Geneva, and the UNFCCC Secretariat for the good arrangements made.

Co-chairs,

Time is running out in producing a draft negotiation text before May 2015, as agreed in Lima. The next 6 days shall be our unique opportunity to advance our work **the Group makes the following comments: 3 on the organization of work and 6 on the Substance of the Draft Element Text:**

On Organization of Work

FIRST: In streamlining, parties shall have the flexibility to draw from their own positions and not exclusively the draft element text. However, Co-chairs, as custodians of the Text and process, be aware that insertions and proposals explicitly contradicting either in spirit, or literally, any fundamental principles or provision of the Convention such as Common But Differentiated Responsibility (CBDR) in Article 4 and Equity in Article 3, as this would only delay and protract our work and not lead us to any constructive engagement. The Africa group believe that the ADP negotiations are aimed at achieving an agreement with legal force that strength the current multilateral rules-based regime. Therefore our work should be under and guided by

the principles and provisions of the Convention and all elements should be treated in a balancer manner.

SECOND: In the formation of focused groups and the identification of their mandate, a transparent selection of facilitators in contact with their respective sub-groups is warranted. In addition an inclusive approach to the participation of the focused groups should be followed. Also clarity on the work and the outcomes to the extent possible should be made. Finally the identification of elements to be either included in the Draft Negotiation text or complementary decisions at this point should be cautioned as this might distract us from our mandate of producing a Draft Negotiation by end of next week.

THIRD: On scheduling – Co-Chairs – We call on you :

- (1) To explore possibilities of ending the meetings at 6 pm to allow time for Group's coordination meetings, and;
- (2) To Ensure that the text to be taken forward is circulated to all parties well before the end of the meeting to allow for the parties endorsement

Co-chairs,

On points of Substance

FIRST: addressing adaptation is not only a sovereign responsibility but a global obligation as well. Legal obligations are established in Convention Articles 2 and 4, in particular articles 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.8, 4.9. A fair outcome for Africa is a meaningful reflection of adaptation support commitments from developed countries. It is a fact that 2degree warming will already pose grave risks to agricultural production and other livelihoods systems across the African continent, putting lives of people at risk, and will require significant adaptation efforts.

As part of the elements of the agreement we expect the inclusion of temperature goal, associated emission reduction goals, adaptation goal, with its associated finance and technology support. The global goal for adaptation is a mechanism to recognize the global responsibility and obligatory nature of adaptation to the international community.

Loss and damage represents impacts of climate change that are not addressed by mitigation and adaptation and which require a different set of tools to address and should therefore be given its own section in the agreement. The Warsaw international mechanism should be anchored in the new agreement and fully operationalised to ensure that developing countries are provided with support – including finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building to address loss and damage.

SECOND: On Finance - the Paris Agreement should deal with the current gaps and ensure the full inclusion of the following elements:

(1) Clear principles that guides the provisions of finance from developed countries to developing countries, in line with the responsibilities clearly identified under the Convention and other relevant decisions

(2) Clear quantified targets that link the level of support to the temperature target and stresses on the linkage of actions of developing countries and support provided to them and in line with their needs as identified by them, with a process to regularly review and update the level of support to be provided to developing countries.

(3) Anchoring the existing financial mechanism and existing funds including the Adaptation fund as part of the delivery channels,

(4) Clarifying the sources of finance and allowing for transparency and MRV of financial flows from developed country parties to developing countries,

(5) Operationalizing agreed criteria of new and additional, predictable, sustainable, adequate and burden sharing criteria among developed countries.

Co-chairs,

THIRD: On mitigation - we underscore the importance of treating differentiation of commitments in the 2015 Agreement in a manner consistent with articles 3 and 4 of the Convention. Departing from such principles will not help us advance our work here, and shall be unacceptable to this Group.

FOURTH: Transparency of actions and support is one of the 6 core elements of this negotiation as per the Durban mandate and therefore should (i) continue to be treated as a standalone chapter in this Annex and, (ii) previous COP Decisions.

FIFTH: On Technology development and transfer, we should strengthen the existing Technology Mechanism established under the Convention, in its functions, mandate and modalities of work and through:

Establishing a formal linkage between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism Under the Convention to ensure the implementation of concrete actions in developing countries, and in particular in the most vulnerable ones, such as Africa. Also, development and transfer of technology should be provided in the context of the implementation of developing countries adaptation, and mitigation actions contained in their INDC's "

SIXTH: The 2015 Agreement should establish adequate institutional arrangements for capacity building and ensure delivery of concrete support to developing countries

Co-chairs

We would like to see that gender as a cross cutting issue is reflected adequately in the new agreement and the right to development is fully respected.

Finally, the African Group, as always, stands ready to engage constructively with all partners and support you in achieving the objective of this session, which is to agree on a draft negotiating text by next Friday.

I THANK YOU.