

Statement by the COP 20/CMP 10 President-Designate

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Open-ended informal consultations

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At the very outset, let me express: the Government of Peru is highly committed to ensure the success of our Conference. From the logistical briefing that was held yesterday, you must now be aware that the Lima Conference is a national priority for Peru and involves the commitment and participation of our Government, at the highest level, as well as our civil society and our private sector.

We will welcome you in Peru in December with great hospitality, and high optimism on ambition of results.

Let me reaffirm my willingness to serve as President of the COP20/CMP10:

- in a consensual, open and transparent manner;
- focused on the process with emphasis on togetherness and inclusiveness;
- guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention;
- with sense of urgency and hope;
- eager to build trust and confidence; and
- with high ambition.

As President-designate of COP20/CMP10, I would like to tell you this: Lima is the last chance before we reach a global agreement in 2015. I want to urge all Parties for greater commitment, cooperation and a sense of ownership to help tackle the global problem of climate change and make this milestone conference a success.

Success will depend on the clarity of our objectives. For us, the Conference in Lima must achieve a clear and coherent draft with the elements of the 2015 agreement. I request from all of you, dear delegates, to be focused, specific and constructive.

As we see it, the work of the ADP from now towards Lima, should do at least three things: first, identify all the consensual proposals; second, clarify the proposals which are still imprecise; and third, gradually increase convergences. We envisage a Lima draft coming out of COP20/CMP10 which captures with clarity and coherence all the coincidences as well as the smallest number possible of open issues.

In Lima we also need to decide on the arrangements for Parties to communicate nationally determined contributions by early 2015. Only then would it be possible to progress and complete the work by 2015. We urge countries to progress work on this matter now in June, in preparation for Lima.

At the same time, we believe COP20/CMP10 needs to increase the clarity, transparency and commitment for increased climate finance in the short and long term. To do this, we attribute the highest importance to the capitalization of the Green Climate Fund in the next months.

We also expect to strengthen the global adaptation agenda and support national adaptation plans; as well as build confidence in the implementation of the existing mandates and mechanisms on mitigation, adaptation, technology and capacity building. The reinforcement in Lima of the mechanisms for loss and damage and REDD+ are also central to us.

You will also agree that the fulfillment of the Kyoto Protocol goals is a central requirement for any future climate agreement. First, because, in fulfilling their obligations, the signatory countries of Annex 1 will demonstrate leadership and the seriousness of their political will. Second, because the implementation of the Protocol leave lessons to be learned to enhance collective action towards the future, including for the design of the new climate agreement by 2015. In this sense, it is crucial to accelerate in the coming months the process of ratification of the Doha Amendment for the swift entry into force of the instrument.

Peru would also like to see that Parties at COP20/CMP 10 produce an outcome to enhance pre 2020 objectives. As we know, ADP was created as well to explore in Workstream 2 options to close the global ambition gap. Three years have gone by. Only six years separate us from 2020. We believe it is time to capture in a decision what we have learned, time to recognize and encourage new action with high mitigation potential, and perhaps also time to articulate and support better such action under the Convention.

We should recognize and encourage positive initiatives and success stories of governments, civil society and private sector to increase the ambition and build more resilient and sustainable economies.

For the achievement of these goals, I want to reaffirm our full confidence in the work of our Chairs, Mr. Aameena Yavoli , Chair of the SBI, Mr. Emmanuel Dlamini, Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger, Co-Chairs of the ADP. I assure them of our full support for their leadership and their initiative to help us move forward towards Lima. We will be working together as one single team!

We are working very closely with Poland and France to give continuity and consistency to the work of the three Presidencies.

I want to inform you that Peru is pursuing and will continue to pursue a very active dialogue with all parties and groups to understand your concerns and proposals. As has been practice in the past, we intend to convene Presidency consultations in the next months, which will always remain open for broad participation. These meetings will be aim to explore ideas for forging consensus on critically important topics for the success of COP 20. Information on the timing, format and topics for these informal meetings of negotiators will be communicated in due course. I will ensure that these informal meetings fully respect the openness and transparency of the process.

We promise you that the Lima conference will be a place for all to hear and be heard. We will do all that is possible to engage closely with observers.

We are cognizant of the significant role of the civil society which can contribute to the success of the global climate agreement in 2015 and would like to be working closely with them.

This is a party-driven process. So once again, I would like to stress that we come to listen, to consult, to learn from you.

Our guiding principle in the run-up to the Lima conference is to hear the voice of each and everyone - Parties and observers.

Let me finish with a personal note. These two days have given me the first opportunity to assume a more visible role as President designate. I am honored and humbled by the responsibility conferred to me to conduct the deliberations of COP20/CMP10.

As I have said before, the Conference in Lima will have a transformative effect for my country. It will accelerate significant normative and policy progress domestically. It will modify radically public awareness and responsibility on climate and environmental issues. And it will modify, we think, the way our Government, civil society and the private sector view the links between climate responsibility, economic growth and social inclusion. This will be the long-term legacy for Peru.

But our aim is much larger, of course: Peru is determined to contribute to a new global legacy on climate responsibility. I invite you to Peru, but I ask you to come ready for compromise, ready for action, ready for solidarity.