

AOSIS Closing Statement SBSTA
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1. Mr. Chairman, I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States. I would also like to associate myself with the statement just delivered by Bolivia on behalf of the group of G77 and China.
2. As we have often noted, this process is guided by climate change science and this is the body that addresses that science.
3. The latest synthesis report of the IPCC confirms that small island developing states are already experiencing severe impacts from climate change, such as sea-level rise, ocean acidification, and extreme weather events. These are projected to get worse under all modeling scenarios.
4. With warming of less than a degree, we are already experiencing more frequent and intense storms, droughts, extreme weather events, accelerating sea level rise, and other life-threatening impacts. Therefore, we continue to call on the CTCN to explore the role of technology urgently addressing the emissions gap to improve chances of achieving the crucial 1.5 degree Celsius target.
5. AOSIS commends the SBSTA for concluding this joint item on TEC and CTCN in a timely manner. We commend the TEC for recognizing the importance of technologies for adaptation and making it subject of the Briefs on Agriculture and Water. We also commend the work of the CTCN in strengthening its network and urge the CTCN to intensify its efforts to include institutions in SIDS region and institutions involved in technologies for adaptation.
6. On Adaptation, AOSIS continues to champion the issues associated with adaptation to climate change. We welcome the conclusions adopted by the SBSTA on the NWP. We appreciate the call made by the parties to the United Nations Environment Program to replicate the Andean sub regional pilot on adaptation knowledge to other vulnerable regions, which encompass SIDS and LDCs.
7. However, we know that there are impacts that can no longer be mitigated or adapted to. Our alliance first raised the issue of Loss and Damage to international attention over two decades ago. Since, we have been and forthright champion of the approach up to the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism last year. Mr. Chairman, we remain extremely disappointed that there is currently no representative from the SIDS on the interim Executive Committee and hope we can create a seat for SIDS on the Executive Committee on the Warsaw International Mechanism before we conclude here.
8. On review, it is essential that the actions we take are informed by the latest science, and as you well know the 2013-2015 review is a priority on our

agenda. The Joint SBI/ SBSTA contact group on the Review must, with the assistance of the Structured Expert Dialogue, deliver conclusions that lead to immediate implementation of the actions required to meet the 1.5 degrees goal. The Review must be based on the best, latest and most relevant science and must ultimately consider the specific impacts and risks to key sectors and systems at different levels of warming with a focus on particularly vulnerable countries such as SIDS and LDCs.

9. We are of the view that the Structured Expert Dialogue should take into consideration national and regional reports, studies, and other credible sources of information that are not always included in peer-reviewed journals in order to get a more complete picture of the effects of related-climate impacts.
10. On agenda item 11 (a) on matters relating to articles 5, 7, and 8, our group looks forward to discussions in June on how to address issues relating to reporting and review for parties without commitments in column 3 of Annex B to decision 1/CMP.8
11. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.