

**Objectives and the organization of work of the
second meeting of the Durban Forum**

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Remarks by Tomasz Chruszczow, SBI Chair

- Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen. Good afternoon.
- Thank you, Richard, for your very inspiring words. I think that all of us here agree on the need for bold and responsible collective action on climate change. And I think all of us also agree that building capacity is essential to make this action effective at all levels.
- It is a great pleasure to serve as Chair of the second meeting of the Durban Forum. I had the honour of chairing the very first meeting of the Forum during SBI 36 last year. The first meeting was a success and I look forward to another productive and enlightening meeting this year.
- Before we begin with the working sessions scheduled today, I would like to take a few minutes to outline the objectives and the organization of the meeting.
- As agreed by Parties in Doha, the overarching theme of the meeting this year is “potential ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building at the national level.” Furthermore, the Durban Forum this year is opening its doors to discussions on capacity-building activities related to the Kyoto Protocol, which is another important step taken by Parties in Doha.
- The meeting will take place during two afternoon sessions. We have this room from 15:00 until 18:00 today and again on Thursday 6 June at the same time.

- We will have three sessions today. The first will focus on building capacity for mitigation, the second on building capacity on gender and climate change linkages. And the third will focus on building capacity for adaptation. An interactive dialogue will take place following the presentations in each session. I am confident that the room setting for this second meeting will enable an even more active and informative exchange of views between – and among – the panel and the floor.
- We will have three more sessions on Thursday. The first will focus on the experiences and challenges in building capacity of developing countries for the effective participation in the clean development mechanism. The second will focus on capacity-building elements in the work and mandates of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. And the third session will feature a panel discussion with the participation of representatives of Parties and non-governmental organizations. I encourage all of you to participate in the discussion!
- A summary report prepared by the secretariat will be considered by the SBI at its thirty-ninth meeting in Warsaw.
- This year, due to my busy schedule, I will not be able to chair all of the panel discussions. Two very experienced delegates sitting next to me: [Name] from [Country] and [Name] from [Country] kindly agreed to assist me in facilitating the meeting.
- I leave you in the very capable hands of XX and YY and wish you interesting, productive and enlightening deliberations!