

Remarks by the Co-Chairs ADP plenary meeting on 4 June 2013

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to open the second part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform.

My Co-Chair and I would like to welcome all participants to this resumed session, and to the third meeting of the ADP plenary.

It is also a great pleasure to welcome the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Ms. Christiana Figueres, and we would like to thank her for joining us today.

It has only been 4 weeks from our very productive last meeting here in Bonn. We look forward to continue working with you all in the same constructive and positive atmosphere that has characterized all the ADP sessions.

In line with its Doha conclusions, the ADP is moving to a more focused mode. At the first part of this session in April, the ADP adopted the agenda for its second session and organized its work, including through a series of round tables and workshops on both workstreams and briefings by the SB Chairs.

Informal summaries of the deliberations amongst the Parties at the round tables and workshops as well as an informal note containing our reflections on the first part of the session are available on the UNFCCC website. I may add that with the reflections note were annexed our perceptions of the broad areas of common ground as spoken by us during the final

round tables on 3rd May and written down as such to assist the Parties; these are of no other value.

Before turning to item 3 of our agenda may I mention that we will take up agenda sub-item 2 (a) – election of officers – at our plenary meeting on Thursday 13th June, and that the consultations on the nominations are being undertaken on behalf of the President of COP 18/CMP 8 by Vice-President Ambassador Delano Bart.

I know you are keen to start engaging on the substance through round tables and workshops. So let me come to agenda item 3 under which we will also invite interventions by groups of Parties.

Thereafter we will take up item 4.

And, before adjourning the meeting, we will invite observer organizations, speaking on behalf of NGO constituencies, who requested the floor to make brief statements, if time permits.

Distinguished delegates, my Co-Chair and I prepared an informal information note for this second part of the session which has been made available on the UNFCCC website contained in document ADP.2013.9.InformalNote. Information notes on the workshops, the briefings and the special event have also been made available on the web site.

As we have promised during our pre-session meetings with the Groups of Parties, we are now making available, on the UNFCCC website, details on the work planned for the coming

two days. This preview, which will continue during the session, is limited to 2 days, due to many activities taking place during this June session, the need to adjust and coordinate, avoiding clashes with similar work in the SBs, etc.

In accordance with the conclusions of the ADP in Doha and to continue the work initiated in April, the June session will include round tables and workshops under the two ADP workstreams.

In preparing for these events, we have paid special attention to ensuring balance in both the representation of Parties' views and the substantive elements to be considered, looking at the first and second part of this session together.

In light of the rich agendas of the subsidiary bodies at this session, we had to limit the number of ADP workshops to one for each workstream.

During these events, we plan to maximize the time allocated to the exchange of views from Parties and the sharing of their experiences.

In addition, we have arranged for specific briefings that are intended to inform the ADP about relevant work in other bodies.

The June session needs to provide a solid basis for future work, including appropriate modalities for the organization of future work and how to move towards textual work in line with the milestones set out by decision 2/CP.18. And, as agreed in Doha, the ADP will also have to determine the need for any

additional sessions in 2014 before the end of this year and the need for any additional sessions in 2015 before the end of 2014.

In line with our preessional meetings with the groups of Parties, we therefore intend to continue our discussion with Parties on the following matters concerning the work of the ADP, which are relevant to both workstreams, in an informal setting:

- possible additional meetings during 2014 and also indications for 2015 if possible;
- any specific requests to the secretariat to support the work of the ADP;
- best utilization of the time between the June session and the Warsaw Conference in November;
- whether to capture progress made and if so how;
- closure or suspension of this second session.

The groups of Parties may touch, if they so desire, in their opening remarks on the above issues.

Submissions

Here, we would like, distinguished delegates, to thank Parties and observer organizations that have submitted views, ideas and proposals before, during and since the April session, for their valuable contributions to our work. The written submissions are available on the UNFCCC website.

Distinguished delegates, let me now outline to you the flow of our work as we envisage it for this second part of the session under the two workstreams.

Workstream 1

Under workstream 1, our main objective for the resumed June session is to continue identifying the main contours and central elements of the 2015 agreement, taking into account the progress made during April/May.

We believe that we can enlarge the areas where there may be common ground, and also explore areas where we have differences and see how we can address these. We should devote our special attention to areas where differences are found to be bridgeable.

At the first part of our session we have engaged in discussions on the overall scope, structure and design of the 2015 agreement as well as on the substantive areas of adaptation, mitigation, and finance, technology and capacity-building in dedicated round tables.

Building on that exchange and the inputs from Parties, we have planned the round table discussions at this second part of the session to focus initially on:

- A Variety of enhanced actions including commitments, and how these could be stimulated and strengthened through international rules to ensure a robust 2015 agreement.

The term 'enhanced actions' encompasses all areas identified in paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17.

As part of this discussion Parties may like to further explore proposals and ideas on, inter alia, various themes outlined in our informal note.

For all of these themes we have invited Parties to start off discussions by sharing their proposals, views and ideas on these aspects at the beginning of each meeting to help break the ice and get the ball rolling.

This round-table discussion on enhanced actions more broadly will be complemented by a workshop on enhancing adaptation through the 2015 agreement, which will be held on 6 June and facilitated by Ambassador Burhan Gafoor (Singapore).

This workshop will include specific briefings on the work of the Adaptation Committee and of the LDC Expert Group.

Furthermore, these round-table discussions under workstream 1 may start to explore Linkages with existing arrangements, (mechanisms, institutions, etc), including concrete ways on how the 2015 agreement could suitably draw upon existing arrangements on mitigation, adaption, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building, and transparency of action and support and how it could build on the technical and methodological foundations of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.

Workstream 2

Concerning workstream 2, we will continue our round-table discussions on pre-2020 ambition, further exploring proposals on concrete options and ways to increase ambition through enhanced action at the national and international level as well as the role of finance, technology and capacity building enablement and support for such an increase in ambition.

Distinguished delegates, you may recall that in Doha the ADP invited Parties and observer organizations to submit views and proposals on actions, initiatives and options to enhance ambition, including through the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, with a particular focus on 2013.

The secretariat was requested to prepare a technical paper on mitigation benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition that compiles this information submitted by Parties and observer organizations. In accordance with the Doha conclusions, the first version of the technical paper has been issued and is available on the UNFCCC website as document FCCC/TP/2013/4.

In addition to the round-table discussions, we have made arrangements for a third ADP workshop on increasing pre-2020 ambition. This workshop continues the series of workshops which included, in April, two workshops focusing:

- on Low-emission development opportunities and
- on Opportunities for mitigation and adaptation related to land use.

This time the focus of the workshop on pre-2020 ambition will be on energy transformation. It will take place on 7 June and be facilitated by Mr. Houssen Nafo (Mali).

Through this workshop, the ADP will continue to explore mitigation and adaptation benefits of actions, as also initiatives and options, to enhance ambition, the related barriers and the incentives, and especially finance, technology and capacity-building enablement and support by considering specific thematic areas, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy and carbon capture and storage. Other thematic areas, such as industry,,urban areas and transport, may be explored at future ADP session.

The workshop will be followed by round-table discussions on enhancing climate finance and technology and capacity-building through various ways, including by attracting climate-friendly investments. This is, of course, in the context of the relevant provisions of the Convention, such as Article 4.3.

Briefings

Distinguished delegates, as you are aware, during our meeting in the April/May session, we invited the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies to brief the ADP on relevant work being undertaken by these bodies.

As part of our efforts to keep delegates informed of the developments on areas which are of relevance to our work, we

have made further arrangements for briefings on on-going and planned work of institutions and arrangements relevant to the support on both adaptation and mitigation action.

In addition to the two briefings in the workshop on enhancing adaptation already mentioned, we have made arrangements for a series of briefings on work relevant to finance, technology and capacity-building.

These briefings include:

- the Standing Committee on Finance
- the Green Climate Fund
- the Global Environment Facility
- the Work Programme on Long-term Finance
- the Technology Executive Committee
- the Climate Technology Centre and Network
- the Adaptation Fund Board
- the Consultative Group of Experts

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the distinguished Co-Chairs and high-level representatives of these bodies, committees and organizations for their support and availability.

These briefings are currently scheduled for 6 June, 11.30–13:00.

I would also like to remind colleagues of the event that the co-chairs of the work programme on long-term finance are organizing today at lunch time, to discuss issues related to climate finance.

For the second week, we are exploring how best to arrange for the ADP to be informed of other relevant work, such as on the 2013-2015 Review, on Loss and Damage and on the Response Measures Forum.

Distinguished delegates, during this resumed session we will follow the deliberations and advice and guidance from the Parties and consider adjustments as necessary. We go ahead accordingly.

Now, let me hand over to my Co-Chair.

Interventions by Groups of Parties

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to open the floor for remarks on behalf of groups of Parties and request that these statements be kept to three minutes, because we have made arrangements for the full statements to be posted on the UNFCCC website

This would enable us to hear from all the groups who would like to speak. Please remember to provide the UNOG officer with a copy of your statement for posting purposes.

When making your interventions, I would kindly ask you to maintain a speaking speed that gives the interpreter enough time to translate your message in full. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

As mentioned, in your interventions I would also invite you to touch upon the questions outlined earlier that relate to both workstreams, if you wish to do so.

The floor is open.

Report back from Petersberg Climate Dialogue

Before moving to other matters, we would like to take the opportunity in this plenary meeting for the ADP to be informed on the results of the Fourth Petersberg Climate Dialogue co-hosted by Germany and Poland this year from 5-7th May in Berlin.

Germany you have the floor.

Agenda item 4: Other matters

I now invite Parties to consider agenda item 4, "Other matters".

Does any delegation wish to raise any issue under other matters?

Observer organizations

Distinguished delegates, as at our previous meetings, my Co-Chair and I, will convene on 8 June, a special event with observers.

This event will be an opportunity for observers to present concrete ideas and proposals of how non-State actors can further contribute to collective action on climate change and how actions by non-state actors could be enhanced and promoted.

As usual, we would like to take this opportunity to warmly encourage Parties to attend this special event. More information on the event is available on the UNFCCC website.

Distinguished delegates, we have also received requests from the observer organizations to take the floor. Observers play a vital role in this process and I would like to give them the opportunity to enrich our discussion with their views.

With your permission, I would now like to give them opportunity to address our meeting.

Since time is limited, I would like ask the constituencies to limit their remarks to two minutes. I also ask you to identify yourself and your organization when you begin your intervention.

End of the opening meeting

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, this brings us to the end of our meeting.

As indicated in the daily programme, the first ADP round table will be held this afternoon at 16.30 and will focus on variety of enhanced actions.

This meeting is adjourned.