

Umbrella Group – SBSTA 40 – Closing Statement

Mr Chair

I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group: Canada, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United States and Australia.

At this 40th session of the SBSTA, Parties were charged with continuing our work in providing the COP with advice on scientific, technological and methodological matters. And we were urged to conduct our deliberations as efficiently as possible to optimise the time for formal and informal negotiations.

We believe Parties have heeded this call, and thanks to your leadership and the spirit of goodwill you fostered, we were pleased to see the co-operative efforts that have allowed us to make steady progress here in Bonn.

Mitigation and transparency

The SBSTA has an important task to do in updating guidance for the Convention's transparency arrangements.

The UG urges Parties to work constructively at the inter-sessional workshop and at Lima to ensure that the review guidelines for Annex I inventories can be completed at COP 20. Agreement on the Guidelines is necessary to enable review of 2013 inventories to be undertaken in 2015.

We also welcomed the ongoing work on clarification of Parties 2020 pledges, and look forward to the further understanding and transparency that Biennial Reports, Biennial Update Reports and the multilateral assessment processes will provide.

Markets

We welcome the progress made on a framework for various approaches, non-market based approaches, and the new market mechanism. We look forward to using Parties' submissions and the Secretariat's technical papers to continue our constructive work in Lima.

Technical update work Kyoto Protocol

We are pleased at the good progress made this session on updating the rules for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol. It will be important that both the rules on reporting and accounting and the rules on review and adjustments are adopted in Lima so that the second commitment period can be implemented smoothly. This objective is within our grasp if we work pragmatically and focus on the key outstanding questions.

2013-15 Review

We welcomed the consideration through the Structured Expert Dialogue of the 2013-15 Review of the IPCC's findings on adaptation and mitigation, which remind us of the importance of bringing sound science to bear on our task here in addressing climate change. We look forward to engaging in the Structured Expert Dialogue in Lima and in Spring of 2015, before the review reports its outcomes to the COP in 2015.

REDD+

We have been pleased this week to see concrete examples of the implementation of REDD+, including the submission of Brazil's Reference Level, a major milestone in the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+.

LULUCF

The UG welcomes agreement to detailed technical issues as part of SBSTA's consideration of possible additional activities and ways to address permanence in LULUCF under the Clean Development Mechanism.

Agriculture

The UG welcomes the excellent progress made on agriculture. We appreciate the spirit of compromise that was required to reach this landmark agreement. We look forward to the opportunity to engage in technical and scientific discussions on this important issue.

Adaptation, Loss and Damage

In Bonn, we welcomed the efforts of Parties to move the Nairobi Work Programme into a new phase of work that is more focused, engaging and relevant and supports adaptation that is informed by the best available scientific and technical information and knowledge. We look forward to Parties sharing their experiences, good practices, and lessons learned with adaptation planning and action at the regional, national and subnational levels including in relation to the issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health.

On loss and damage, we recognise more work needs to be done. We look forward to building on the constructive dialogue we have had in Bonn to consider the composition of and procedures for the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism with a view to finalising the organisation and governance of the Executive Committee when we meet again in Lima.

In Lima, we also have the important task of considering the Executive Committee's initial two-year work plan that will enable the Mechanism to commence its work.

Mr Chair, we believe that this 40th session has laid a strong foundation for further work and we look forward to working with the COP Presidency and other Parties to build upon this in Lima.

Thank you

