

LMDC Opening Statement for SBSTA June 2014  
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1. Ecuador has the honour of delivering this opening statement at this session of the SBSTA on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC), representing more than half of the world's population and the majority of which are poor and particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.
2. We fully associate ourselves with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
3. The LMDC looks forward to a productive session this June here in Bonn, marked with a heightened sense of urgency and common purpose. But success must be premised on all Parties working together in good faith and in the spirit of international cooperation and mutual understanding.
4. On forests-related issues in SBSTA agenda items 5 and 12(d), we support the continuous discussion on methodological guidance for non-market approach such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests and non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of REDD+, expecting achieve common consensus on these issues as quickly as possible. We urge developed country parties to materialize their financial support as quickly as possible, especially to make the GCF operational so that the implementation of REDD+ will be further expanded. We support the discussion on comprehensive LULUCF accounting should be discussed in the context of KP and oppose the linkage of this issue with the ADP negotiation. We hope achieve consensus on the non-permanence issues of LULUCF projects and additional feasible LULUCF projects under CDM as quickly as possible.
5. At this SBSTA session, we need to reinforce the debate towards the core vision of the Convention which is inherently based on a non-market-based vision, and therefore the need to develop mechanisms, instruments and approaches to promote the principles and provisions of the Convention and as well as the commitments of Parties based on cooperation by all countries in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities. The discussion of other approaches dilutes and is contradictory with the core values of the Convention.
6. The creation of synergies between mitigation and adaptation are important to help us addressing climate change and particularly on the sustainable management of forests; therefore the joint mitigation and adaptation approach on forests as an alternative policy approach is important to enhance voluntary mitigation actions of developing country Parties and their adaptation efforts.
7. The 2013-2015 Review under SBI agenda item 16 and SBSTA agenda item 7 is very important to assess the adequacy of the long-term global goal and the overall progress towards achieving it, in particular the implementation of the commitments under the Convention. The Review should be conducted to ensure the balanced participation of developing and developed country parties, the balanced consideration of various information resources and the balanced effort to address the 2 themes of the Review. The Review should respond directly to the questions of parties' concern and the information gap identified by parties should be considered throughout

the Review process. At this session, it is of critical importance that more effort should be spent to assess the adequacy and implementation of Annex I Parties' commitments under the Convention, in particular their commitments on mitigation, finance and technology transfer.

8. The topic of Response Measures under SBI agenda item 15 and SBSTA agenda item 10 is an important issue for developing countries. A new mechanism other than a forum needs to be established to address this issue. The new mechanism should be designed to serve as implementation platform for taking action to reduce or prevent negative impact of response measures taking by developed country on developing countries. Regarding the frequency of Response Measures Forum, it should follow the previous years mode as at least twice a year in conjunction with SB sessions.
9. On transparency under SBSTA agenda item 11(a), through a series of decisions from the negotiations under the Bali Action Plan, the Parties have established and enhanced the MRV system under the Convention. The developed country Parties must take the lead on the implementation of these new requirements. The revision of the review guidelines for developed countries must ensure and improve the quality of transparency. Any attempt and excuse to reduce the quality is not constructive.
10. The clarification of methodologies related to the Kyoto Protocol under SBSTA agenda item 12(a) and (b) arising from the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7 and 1/CMP.8 should be with a view towards strengthening the compliance by Annex B Parties to the Kyoto Protocol under its 2nd commitment period, rather than weakening their compliance by loosening rules, including the classification of Article 3.7ter of the Doha Amendment.

Thank you, Chair