

**Statement By Sudan On Behalf Of The African Group On The
Closing Plenary Of The Forty-Second Session Of The
Subsidiary Body For Scientific And Technological Advice
(SBSTA 42)
Bonn, Germany, 11 June 2015**

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Republic of Sudan is delighted to speak on behalf of the African Group, and associates itself with the statement made by South Africa for the Group of 77 and China.

Madam Chair,
the Group expresses its view in relation to the following items of the SBSTA agenda:

Madam Chair,
The Group wants to express its appreciation for the successful negotiation on the inclusion of Non Carbon Benefits in the REDD+ package. This decision is much more important than is perceived. The simple and undeniable fact is that forests cannot deliver carbon benefits without the other multiple benefits they provide. This decision paves the way for support to be deployed to support this holistic approach that would ensure the realization of the ultimate objective of REDD+ and more importantly, its long-term sustainability. The Group invites Parties and financing entities to provide support dedicated purposely for Non Carbon Benefits when supporting REDD+ activities.

On Issues Related to Agriculture, the Group engaged constructively in the two in-session workshops during SBSTA-42. The reports that will be considered in SBSTA 43 from these workshops should be comprehensive and capture the views of developing country Parties.

Madam Chair,
The 2013 -2015 Review on the adequacy of the long-term global goal and the overall progress toward achieving the long-term global goal, the Group wishes

to express its disappointment on the lack of progress under this very important agenda item. Over the last two years, we have invested so much time and effort in the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED) and our expectations was to leave Bonn with a draft decision for consideration in Paris. As much as we are disappointed, we look forward to opening the issue and discussing further in Paris with a view to reach the desired outcome to adequately inform the ADP.

On response measures, we appreciate the efforts made by all Parties to move our work forward at this session. Although we note that we were unable to finalize the draft conclusions we are on a good path to co-operate to address the issue of addressing the adverse impacts of the implementation of response measures on developing countries. We look forward to further deliberations and adoption of decisions which puts in place appropriate arrangements for this very important issue at the COP in Paris.

Finally, Madam Chair,

The African Group would like to thank you for your intelligent leadership and looks forward to engage with Parties at the next session to advance the work of the SBSTA.

I thank you.