

Umbrella Group
SBSTA 42 – Opening Statement

Madame Chair

I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group of countries.

We support your proposal to prioritise completion of items in Bonn to allow scope for SBSTA 43 to focus on issues that can contribute to the Paris outcome. There are a number of important technical issues to discuss here in Bonn, including those related to transparency, the 2013-2015 Review, REDD+, Agriculture, Kyoto Protocol, and market and non-market mechanisms.

2013-15 Review

We would like to thank the co-facilitators of the 2013-2015 Review Structured Expert Dialogue for their final Technical Summary. As Parties work together under the ADP to conclude an ambitious global agreement, the 2013-2015 Review has helped Parties better understand the adequacy of the long-term goal and the progress made towards achieving it.

REDD+

We should continue to strengthen the role of all Parties in implementing credible land sector actions, both now and in the future.

We welcome continued efforts by forest countries and donors to implement the Warsaw Framework for REDD+.

We will work with Parties to conclude all three REDD+ issues here in Bonn, including a decision on information on how REDD+ safeguards are being addressed and respected.

Agriculture

We hope the workshops for sharing experiences on early warning systems and assessment of risks in agriculture will encourage greater cooperation and dialogue on this important issue.

Kyoto Protocol

We are ready to work towards resolution of outstanding issues required to operationalise the Doha Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol so that Kyoto Protocol Parties that wish to do so can move forward with the implementation of their KP-2 commitments.

Adaptation

We look forward to continuing the SBSTA's work on adaptation and welcome the valuable work undertaken by the Nairobi Work Programme.

For Bonn, we look forward to participating in the informal brainstorming session this Wednesday for the organisation of the Programme's 9th Focal Point Forum.

Markets

Umbrella Group countries are committed to continuing SBSTA's work to develop systems to facilitate trading, tracking, reporting and accounting of the use of international emissions reductions that is accurate and consistent.

We are disappointed that Parties were unable to reach agreement on an outcome in Lima to advance our work on the framework for various approaches, non-market-based approaches and the new market mechanism.

We support the proposal to use our time at this session to have a technical exchange of views on these matters to deepen the understanding of how Parties may wish to use mechanisms to further support implementation under the Convention and its instruments.

Madame Chair, there is much to do. We look forward to a constructive session.

Thank you