

SBSTA Intervention

Thank you, Chair.

My name is Tale and I speak on behalf of YOUNGO - the youth constituency. You have been negotiating all my life. In this time the climate crisis have caused harm to millions of people.

In the last two weeks you've had a lot of meetings. It is still sad to see that you didn't make enough progress to bring a text to the table. This would have brought us closer to an agreement, pushing for no more than 1,5 degrees global warming.

We feel the need to underline the importance of not including Loss and Damage under adaptation. You cannot adapt to hurricanes, you cannot adapt to rising sea levels, you cannot adapt to ocean acidification. You cannot adapt, because this events are causing loss and damage. You have to consider key loss and damage areas, such as slow-onset events, the functioning of social protection systems, migration and displacement, non-economic losses like that of ecosystems and their services, and financial instruments to provide for rehabilitation and redress needs.

Market mechanisms and market based approaches has so far not given us the needed emission reductions. Neither the EU ETS, nor the CDM have served. For these markets to have any effect, we need new ambitious, binding commitments. If we do not put environmental and human rights as premises for a system - it will only fail again, and the climate crisis will not be solved.

You also worked on the 2013-2015 review. You need to consider also non-IPCC resources, such as the emissions gap by UNEP. In the end, you need to consider a goal which allows every party a further existence. You need to have a long-term global goal, which does not compromise sustainability.

There is much negotiating left until we arrive in Lima and Paris. I ask you all to always remember this when you are writing your own positions and interventions: you are leaving the earth to us, and we will remember what you said and did during these critical years.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.