

Thirty-ninth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 39)

Opening plenary on 11 November 2013

Mr. Chair, distinguished colleagues,

This statement is on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States.

We note the latest findings of Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the particular urgency of action. We have not come to Poland's impressive National Stadium to play – we came here in response to the call from science.

The Warsaw Climate Conference should deliver a balanced outcome package both for advancing work under the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action as well as for effectively implementing decisions taken, and agreements found, among us in the UNFCCC. Both fields aim at the same: closing the ambition gap in our collective mitigation efforts. This gap cannot be closed only through the adoption of an ambitious, yet fair 2015 single global legally-binding Agreement with all on board, but it also requires early action NOW, already before 2020 in the transition towards the post-2020 regime.

The EU fully acknowledges the significance of the work under the SBI for the implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and is fully committed to advancing all issues under consideration by both frameworks. We expect all Parties to respect them as well, and look forward to advancing constructively in all the areas.

The work under the SBI and SBSTA will be crucial to underpin progress under the ADP. The inter-linkages between the tracks are key and must be carefully managed so that coherence is guaranteed under the COP, CMP, SBs and the ADP.

All discussions should therefore be engaged by taking into account the long term objectives, and the fact that the SBs are working on key implementation elements on which the design of the post 2020 regime may built, such as the FVA, NMM, REDD+, MRV among others.

Let us highlight now some areas that we find of particular importance.

On loss and damage we welcome the discussions that have taken place this year informally in Bonn and in the context of the work programme. The decision in Doha has given us a very clear mandate of what needs to be achieved in Warsaw and we look forward to engaging constructively on this issue as soon as possible. Mitigation efforts and enhanced efforts to build resilience will be key to avoid disruptive loss and damage to economies and livelihoods.

The EU welcomes the Adaptation Committee report on The State of Adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

It is also important from our point of view to understand better the current mitigation actions by developing countries under the SBI NAMA work programme. This is something which we have already been doing under the work programme for developed countries' targets under the SBSTA. The work programme can help us to understand the diversity of NAMAs further, as well as the challenges of planning and implementing NAMAs and low emission strategies. A better understanding of the diversity of NAMAs is important in view of ensuring better programming of relevant actions. And we look forward to the NAMA workshop this afternoon which we could regretfully not start with in Bonn in June.

We also need to progress on all agenda items related to reporting and MRV. In order to have a robust MRV system in place for all Parties we have to advance on those agenda items which have been difficult in the past like the design of the ICA process and the mandate of the consultative group of experts. We



stand ready to negotiate these items constructively.

Furthermore, we need to ensure adequate progress on the 2013 to 2015 review. Science, in particular the recently published report of Working Group 1 of the IPCC, should be at the core of this review process.

The EU is also ready to engage in view of deciding on further implementation of finance aspects in key areas discussed at this meeting.

Not least, finding an agreement on the next UNFCCC budget for the biennium will be crucial in view of ensuring a proper implementation of the decisions and carrying out of the work.

Mr. Chair, the EU stands ready to constructively engage in the negotiations with other Parties. We support the Agenda for SBI 39 proposed by the Chair and look forward to working with you and all the Parties to make the best use of our time at this meeting.

Thank you Mr. Chair.