

Umbrella Group countries came to this session to build on the excellent progress made on agriculture at SBSTA 38. We came prepared to engage in substantive discussions on the subjects agreed at Bonn and which Parties submitted on.

At SBSTA 38 Parties agreed, at paragraph 3 of the conclusion, that we meet to discuss the submissions. The UG is disappointed that Parties were prevented from meeting here in Warsaw as agreed. We note the importance of adhering to agreed outcomes and hope we can avoid similar circumstances in the future.

The in-session workshop held here in Warsaw demonstrates the benefit of engaging on substance and the many commonalities across Parties. The Umbrella Group hopes that we are able to use the sessions available at SBSTA 40 to build on areas of commonality.