

SBI Opening

Thank you Chair,

My name is Katie and I am representing the youth.

We were disappointed when there was no progress in the 38th Plenary of the SBI in Bonn. The SBI agenda included a number of important issues, issues we hope you will make significant progress on here in Warsaw, The world, and all future generations, have no time for political games

One of those issues is the 2013-2015 review. The 2013 emissions gap report states that the emission gap is less and less likely to be closed by 2020 and that the world will have to rely on costlier and riskier means to keep global average temperature increase below 2 degrees after 2020. These are costs and risks our generation and future generations will incur. The implementation measures that the SBI eventually decides upon will therefore directly impact our lives and the lives of future generations, so we strongly urge you to heed our views and expectations during this session of the SBI.

loss and damage is inevitable. Loss and damage is happening now.

A mechanism on Loss and Damage must be established in Warsaw. This mechanism should not just be facilitative, it should actively address issues of rehabilitation and responsibility. This mechanism cannot neglect slow onset events and non-economic losses, nor can it rely solely on insurance as a solution. Insurance is not a viable solution as the adverse impacts from climate change become more and more inevitable nor is it effective in addressing slow onset events. Loss and damage cannot be seen as just a part of adaptation, it is an issue on its own. We cannot simply adapt to the impacts discussed in Loss and Damage, particularly given the deplorable lack of adaptation finance. You can't adapt to sinking into the ocean. You can't adapt to the impacts of rain patterns shifting so that your country no longer has access to water or your country has yearly gigantic floods. You can't adapt to the impacts of ocean acidification and warming destroying fisheries. You can't adapt to the impacts of being hit by record-breaking typhoons year after year. You cannot adapt to losing your home and way of life. We would like to remind you that addressing Loss and Damage in developing countries is part of the obligations enumerated in the Convention.

keep this message top line. don't go into details. do you mean this should be shorter?

shorter, yes. 300 words total! the whole speech...

so top line. philippines. drought. ocean acidification. glaciers melting. committed warming.

responsibility of developed countries. need a mechanism to address the loss and damage that is now inevitable.

ok yeah that makes sense

So, lets take a moment again to remember our home and family, and remember that many of us are lucky to have homes to go back to. For us and other lost and damaged generations to come, this may not be our reality. But we still have a chance to improve that future, if we act now we may be able to let's work together and prove this wrong.

Thank you Chair