

DRAFT Submission by Angola on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group on the 2013-2015 review

The Least Developed Countries Group (LDC Group) welcomes the invitation from the joint session of SBSTA and SBI at its 41st session on the matters relating to the 2013-2015 review on any other information or gaps in information and views on the adequacy of the long-term goal in light of the objective of the Convention and progress made towards achieving this long term goal (paragraph 54, FCCC/SBSTA/2014/5).

The LDC group would like to focus its views on the adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention.

The LDCs Group welcomes the report on the StructuredExpertDialogue(SED) on the 2013–2015 review (SED report) and expresses gratitude to all experts and Parties involved that helped to make this report a great success.

The SED report is very clear that the ‘guardrail’ concept for the 2°C warming limit, below which anthropogenic interference with the climate system would be considered safe, is inadequate. It has become clear during the SED that significant climate impacts are already occurring at the current level of warming and additional magnitudes of warming will only increase the risk of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts in particular for the most vulnerable regions.

Based on the comprehensive evidence presented in the SED report the LDC Group is of the view that the 2°C warming limit cannot be seen as an adequate long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention expressed in Article 2 and has to be lowered to 1.5°C.

The SED report has made clear the adverse impacts of climate change remain under all levels of mitigation and adaptation, underscored the necessity and urgency to include matters related to Loss and Damage as a stand alone section in the ADP agreement.

The need for strong adaptation measures is evident already at present levels of warming and will rise for warming levels of 1.5°C, while adaptation needs for 2°C strongly increase. This illustrates the need for a robust and effective international mechanism for adaptation and the need for efforts to scale up provision of finance, technology and capacity-building for climate action.

The assessment in the SED has been carried out in a balanced manner ensuring highest levels of scientific integrity in line with paragraph 160, 2/CP.17, therefore the LDC Group is of the view that SED report is the basis on which the joint contact group (JCG) should take a decision on the adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention and recommend appropriate action that shall be taken by the COP in line with

paragraph 6, 1/CP.17 and paragraph 158, 2/CP. 17, as refereed in paragraph 55, FCCC/SBSTA/2014/5.

Specifically, the LDC Group is of the view that:

- All Parties should raise ambition under the ADP informed by the outcome of the SED in line with paragraph 158, 2/CP. 17.
- The ADP agreement should include global reduction targets for 2050 and 2100 and zero emission targets in line with the limiting the global average temperature increase below 1.5°by 2100”.
- Urgent accelerated action by all parties is needed to close the 2020 emissions gap and to ensure that 2020 emission levels are in line with pathways compatible with the long-term global goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C by 2100.