

African Group of Negotiators Closing Statement under ADP at SBI38

Co-Chairs, Swaziland, on behalf of the African Group, would like to associate with the statement made by Fiji on behalf G77 and China.

Thank you Co-Chairs, we greatly appreciate the leadership you have provided for the ADP over the last year. We feel that, under your guidance, the ADP has advanced its work, and there is a good basis for our work at CoP19 in Warsaw, this coming November.

Co-Chairs, as Parties, we have reaffirmed that the 2015 Agreement is not an opportunity to renegotiate the Convention, its principles and annexes, but rather a time to define implementation beyond 2020. The Africa Group welcomes the reflections made, and conclusions drawn in respect of technical paper on adaptation, as an initial step towards the definition of global goal for adaptation.

We would further emphasise the importance of science and equity as being central drivers for an effective agreement. Our efforts in the future agreement cannot be complete if we do not understand the implications of temperature goal on both adaptation and mitigation needs. We would further find it difficult to understand the required finance and technological needs to achieve the global effort.

Co-Chairs, we request the Secretariat to arrange the revised technical paper on mitigation, based on reflecting the well-considered views by all Parties, that the actions towards mitigation ambition should reflect information on,

- the applicability of the principles of the Convention,
- the adaptation and mitigation benefits of actions,
- barriers and means of addressing them as well as incentives
- finance, technology, and capacity building to support implementation

It is our view, that we have started engaging on the mitigation benefits, and considered barriers and incentives to these actions, but we have a lot of work to do in respect of the application of the Convention's principles and implementation support to these proposed initiatives.

In conclusion Co-Chairs, the process to explore linkages with existing institutions of the Convention, and the work under the Subsidiary Bodies on finance and mitigation leadership by developed countries do not only provide perspectives for the future agreement, but build the necessary trust and confidence as we negotiate the 2015 Agreement.

Co-Chairs, we thank you for your leadership, and wish in-coming Co-Chairs success, wisdom. On behalf of the Africa Group, we pledge our full support and cooperation as you take the work of the ADP forward.

Co-Chairs, I thank you