

ADP 2.2 – UG Closing Statement

Co-Chairs,

I have the privilege to speak on behalf of the Umbrella Group of countries: Canada, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United States and Australia.

Co-Chairs,

Thinking back on this time last year, we'd reflect on just how far we've come in our work under the ADP, under [your guidance/~~the guidance of your predecessors~~].

The roundtables and workshops we've engaged in over the last year provided us with important building blocks ^{for achieving} in 2015, a new agreement applicable to all Parties, and enhancing pre-2020 mitigation ambition.

All of us here know how important our mandate is – it is only by taking genuinely global action that we can deliver the objective of the Convention, and avoid real and severe consequences of climate change. Umbrella Group countries understand the role we have in continuing to lead this global endeavour, but meeting the Convention's objective will ultimately depend on ambitious contributions from all countries. Our efforts must be based on working together.

We value the collaborative spirit that Parties have brought to discussions in the ADP. This has helped us identify areas of common understanding and fruitful areas for further work, and as well as understanding areas of difference and potential ways to bridge these.

We must continue this positive momentum. Between now and our next meeting in Warsaw, Parties have an opportunity to reflect on what they have heard here, and develop their thinking in greater depth. We encourage all Parties to take advantage of the invitation to prepare submissions, and put forward concrete ideas and proposals that can move work forward.

At yesterday's informal plenary we heard a number of Parties identify themes for future work, building on potential common ground. We think this could include:

For workstream 1:

- Elaborating the steps that will help Parties come forward with nationally determined mitigation commitments, that are clear, ambitious and fair
 - Such as up-front transparency measures to ensure commitments are clear and predictable;
 - A consultative process to consider ambition and fairness;

- And by further considering timing for proposing and considering commitments.
- We could further consider how a rule-based framework could be developed in a way that is applicable to all and incorporate mitigation efforts of all;
- We could draw out ideas on how adaptation, and measures to support and advance implementation, can be reflected in a 2015 package; and
- Have further exchanges on the structure of a 2015 agreement, including how it will interact with related decisions, institutions and infrastructure.

For workstream 2, we could:

- Look further at how mitigation potential in a range of areas can be captured by Parties with diverse national circumstances; drawing on the lessons, practices and technical expertise that Parties and non-Party experts can share;
- Better understand what will allow Parties who have not yet made a 2020 pledge to do so; and enable higher ambition by those who have pledged;
- Encourage complementary work alongside the UNFCCC, through international co-operative initiatives, to drive practical action;
- And ensure that we continue to build and sustain political will and momentum.

Warsaw will have a critical role to play in this regard. Umbrella Group countries would like to see focused Ministerial engagement on both workstreams at COP19. This would continue to strengthen the political foundation and direction of work in the ADP with a view to deliver in the agreed timeframe. But equally important will be the opportunity at COP19 to highlight the real action happening in and between countries on the ground. Demonstrating national and international action is what will let us successfully deliver the ADP's mandate.

Co-Chairs,

We cannot conclude without a final expression of gratitude to you both for your tireless efforts in leading the ADP, and helping us make the progress that we have made. We applaud you both. We also welcome and offer full support to our incoming Co-Chairs, and look forward to continuing the ADP's work under their stewardship.

Thank you.