

STATEMENT BY NEPAL ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GROUP AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE RESUMED SECOND SESSION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE DURBAN PLATFORM FOR ENHANCED ACTION (ADP 2-2), BONN, GERMANY, TUESDAY 4 JUNE, 2013

Co-Chairs

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of LDC Group. We associate ourselves with the statements made by Fiji on behalf of G77 and China, Swaziland on behalf of the Africa Group and Nauru on behalf of AOSIS.
2. Co-Chairs, the current gap in mitigation ambition places us on track for a 4 degree plus world. We all arrived in Bonn as the atmospheric CO2 concentration surpassed the 400 ppm mark. Allowing the concentration to increase further is suicidal with catastrophic implications. In the midst of these challenges, however, we have another historic opportunity to strengthen the current climate regime by adopting a new Protocol applicable to all Parties in 2015. We urge all Parties not to lose sight of this goal.
3. Achievement of the 2°C goal, agreed under the Convention, leading towards 1.5 degrees requires ambitious reductions of global greenhouse emissions by all Parties, and this should have already begun. We are behind schedule, and time is not our side.
4. Co-Chairs, moving forward under both the ADP workstreams with a balanced and focused approach is fundamental to a mutually agreed outcome and this session must provide a positive momentum for Warsaw.
5. Under Workstream 1: We are concerned that ^{by the discussions} ~~the discussions~~ during the round tables at the last session ^{discussions} ~~were dominated by the prisoner dilemma~~ ^{moving} effect ^{ok} locking some Parties in a vicious circle ^{toward} for low ambition under an unsustainable bottom up approach. As we all know, the 2015 agreement

would be meaningful only if it is based on a clear science-based approach, and is ~~is~~ consistent with the objective of the Convention.

6. The LDCs welcome the proposal to hold a workshop on adaptation. This is an extremely important element of the ADP. We expect to clarify the added value of the new treaty for adaptation, particularly for developing countries. We are eager to provide you with ideas for incorporating adaptation within the legal agreement.
7. In addition, we propose holding a focused workshop on the role of means of implementation to trigger effective climate actions in developing countries. We also believe the International Mechanism on Loss and Damage should be incorporated within a new legal agreement. We will also provide you with ideas on how this could be achieved.
8. Co-chairs, we urgently need to change our mode of operation to commence work on developing the new legal agreement. We encourage you to focus the discussions towards that end and start calling for proposals on legal form in subsequent discussions ~~in November~~ in Warsaw to meet a deadline of adopting a Protocol by 2015.
9. Co-Chairs, we are happy that you have prioritized the Workstream 2 discussions on mitigation options that could have win-win benefits, especially those that have co-benefits for development and adaptation. We are happy with the proposed workshop on energy. The Technical paper by the Secretariat on compilation of information on mitigation benefits, shows that there is high potential to close the ambition gap, but that window of opportunity is closing very fast. We need to be focused and outcome oriented under this workstream. This outcome needs to be reflected by :
 - a. enhanced pledges by Annex I KP Parties through the KP review process by 2014 ~~the latest~~
 - b. moving the Annex I Party commitments under the Convention towards the upper end of the range, and
 - c. enhanced NAMAs by developing countries

10. We would like to remind all Parties that the assurance for additional pre-2020 mitigation ambition through Workstream 2 is a key element of the Durban package and that the work under Workstream 2 determines the scale and nature of obligations under the 2015 Protocol.

11. Co-Chairs, building trust as well as building upon the existing foundations is critical to deliver the results mandated in this process. To this extent, developed countries must show leadership by raising their ambition as well as mobilizing resources for developing countries. We reiterate the importance for developed countries to take a leadership in ratifying the amendments of the Kyoto Protocol as early as possible. We once again urge all Parties to undertake the relevant legal procedures necessary to bring the amendments into force as soon as possible.

12. Co-Chairs, we wish to express our appreciation for your leadership and the manner you have conducted the affairs of the ADP since your election as Co-Chairs of this important body. We look forward to working with you during this session. You can count on our continued support.

Thank you.

