

Statement on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)

**By the Republic of the Sudan, at the Opening Plenary of Fifth Part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action
Bonn, Germany, 4-15 June 2014**

Co-chairs,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group.

Allow me at the outset to express our appreciation to the Government of Germany for hosting this meeting, and for the Convention's Secretariat for its excellent arrangements.

The African Group associates itself with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group 77 and China

1. The African Group would like to thank the Co-Chairs for the guidance provided on how they intend to proceed with the 5th part of the 2nd session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, the ADP
2. As has been the practice, the Co-chairs hold pre-session consultations with various Groups to further shape the organisation of work in the session, and it is of great concern that the Group hasn't had the benefit of such a consultation, particularly in such an important session where our Ministers will also be present
3. The Group has concerns on a number of issues, and we believe clarity and resolution of those issues is indispensable prior to the contact group commencing with its work, as Parties must have a common understanding of what will be the outcome of this session
4. It is our understanding that the work of the ADP under work stream I has two major tasks, the first being work towards a decision in Lima, capturing the

elements of the draft negotiating text, and a decision capturing the information and format Parties will provide when putting forward their contributions

5. Co-Chairs, in working towards elements of the negotiating text, we would like to bring the following to your attention:

a. We need to have a clearer view of how the work will be organised for the entire year, including the additional session in October, and this is important taking into account the limited amount of time we have before Lima. We would like to bring to your attention that we clearly made that call to you in the March 2014 session of the ADP

b. The reflection note, specifically the 'landscape of issues identified by Parties' is a fair attempt to reflect the views expressed by Parties, however it has some shortcomings, such as:

I. On how it reflects ideas communicated by Parties which in some instances are not a reflection of the ideas in their entirety, as presented by Parties

II. Furthermore it doesn't have the benefit of all submissions made by Parties specifically on what they see as elements of 2015 Agreement which may have come through after the publication of the reflection note

III. It conflates the two processes under the ADP, namely, arriving at elements of the negotiation text, and information Parties will put forward when putting forward their contributions,

IV. It contains some elements that are not in conformity with the principles and provisions of the Convention, which is the overarching legal framework under which we are negotiating

6. On working towards information Parties will provide when communicating their intended nationally determined contributions, the African Group would like to share the following observations,

a. We are concerned about the time available for Parties to meet the March 2015 deadline, given that the decision on information to be provided by Parties will only be adopted in Lima. We however see an opportunity for

the outcome of this session to be a draft conclusion that can provide guidance to Parties on how to proceed with the national processes

- b. We note the oversight by the Co-chairs in consistently referring to 'nationally determined contributions in the scenario note, whereas the precise language from Warsaw is of '**intended** nationally determined contributions', and wish to put it on record that such an oversight severely prejudices the African Group position that such contributions are subject to a multilateral assessment for fairness and adequacy.
 - c. The African Group further wish to express concern over scope, and focus of the work undertaken by some organisations in the context of paragraph 2d of decision 1/CP.19. Our experience in Africa is that the regional workshop by UNDP focussed on mitigation, and did not address the core basis of the mandate, which is provision of financial; support. Our understanding as the African Group is that, the scope of this work also includes adaptation, finance, and technology contributions. We are of the view that further guidance is necessary for such important initiatives, to avoid prejudice to positions of other Parties.
7. Understanding that contributions from developed countries should also include provision of finance and technology transfer and capacity building by developed countries to developing countries, sequencing is of utmost importance, where there is early clarity on means of implementation to be provided by developed countries as this is key information for developing countries to communicate meaningful intended national determined contributions. It is also important to reach an early agreement on the process of communication of the contributions.
8. Lastly Co-chairs, we understand that the stock-taking meeting referred to in para 28 of the scenario note will include the work undertaken under Workstream I of

the ADP, and we see the stock-taking meeting as a critical stage in this session to start working on the conclusions of this session.

9. With regards to Workstream II, the Group welcomes your suggestion for a COP decision in Lima and sees it as an opportunity to further strengthen our work, its modalities, arrangements and process, through the following:

- a. Broaden the scope of activities beyond TEMs as reflected in para 4 of Decision 1/CP.19 as to include concrete proposals such as (i) the transformation of the CDM Pipeline into net mitigation projects or (ii) the expansion of national REFITs schemes,
- b. Ensure this week KP and ADP ministerial roundtables outcomes and recommendations on Pre-2020 Ambition are followed-up accordingly under the Workstream,
- c. Assess the extent and effectiveness of the accelerated implementation of decisions constituting the agreed outcome under the Bali Action Plan, in particular in relation to the provisions of means of implementation as per para 3 of Decision 1/CP.19, for appropriate further actions

10. Furthermore, after a careful review of the rich content of the technical paper on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency; we are convinced of the necessity to go a step beyond technical examinations and elaboration of policy briefs, to the matching of the technical outputs with adequate support and support channels, for effective implementation.

Co-chairs, The African Group stands ready to engage in the session in an open and constructive manner and to move the ADP towards achieving its mandate for this year, which is to reach an agreement on the elements of a negotiation text for the 2015 agreement.

I thank you