

**Statement on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)
By the Republic of the Sudan, at the Opening Plenary of Fourth Part of the second
session of the Ad Hoc Working Group Of Durban Platform on Enhance Action
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Co-chairs,

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

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

The African Group reiterates its views regarding the importance of maintaining the integrity of the ADP process within the UNFCCC framework, which is multilateral in nature, and rules based. We enter this phase of our discussions to negotiate in good faith, and will work under your able guidance, towards an outcome that will serve all our interests in a balanced manner. Effective global cooperation is not an option for Africa, but a necessity as impacts of climate change continue to undermine our pursuit of sustainable development. Global action is urgent in addressing this serious challenge of climate change.

Co-chairs, we take note of your scenario note, including proposals that you have put forward in respect of how we organise our work for this session, as well as substantive elements that we as parties need to deliberate in the course of 2014. It is our view that we need a clear work plan for all sessions in this year for both workstreams. We commend the work you have done to date as Co-chairs, and we affirm our continued support to you in guiding us through this negotiation.

Our expectations for 2014, as outlined in decision 1/CP.19, is nothing short of elements of the draft negotiating text for the 2015 Agreement, which would reflect the views expressed and negotiated by Parties. The various modalities which included open ended consultations, briefings, workshops, and others, have been useful in

distilling some important aspects of the elements of the negotiating text that need our attention.

We see a role for a variety of modalities as different issues are at different stages of maturity, however recognising the amount of time available to us, as well as the centrality of Party ownership of negotiating text, we are of the view that this session would be an opportune time to work in a contact group format, such that Parties' views can be formally recorded, and that we can capture emerging convergence on some issues.

Co-chairs, On substantive elements of the scenario note, firstly the work on contributions envisaged in the Warsaw decision, our expectations tally with what you identified in the scenario note, we need to build understanding on what the contributions are, how they will be communicated, received and assessed. Our expectation is that by June we should be in a position to inform on our domestic preparatory processes, whilst adopting a decision to that effect in Lima.

The second aspect of our substantive work which is elements of the draft negotiating text, our view is that paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17 provides a sound basis for the definition of elements of the negotiating text, whilst acknowledging the work we have done to date under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol as an integral part of the 2015 Agreement.

Our proposal is that we should create space for a discussion on the architecture of the 2015 Agreement, taking note of our proposal for an architecture that covers, general aggregate commitments, specific commitments, definition of the role of operational mechanisms and institutions established under the Convention, and lastly, transparency, accountability, compliance and review provisions, building on Bali Action Plan and KP mechanisms

Co-chairs, the ADP workstream 2 is the ultimate building block to demonstrate our resolve in tackling climate change in any significant manner under the 2015 Agreement. In Warsaw, we reaffirmed the importance of accelerating implementation of all Bali Actions Plan decisions, as well as increasing ambition both under the Convention and the pre-2020 ambition workplan.

We also took note of the UN Secretary General Summit next September, and the Ministerial Dialogue next June and at COP 20, and it is important for us to understand how these processes will inform the negotiation process, as well as the work needed under the UNFCCC to support those processes.

In this session, Co-chairs, you have organized the work around the renewable energy and energy efficiency sub-sectors. As much as we stand ready to engage during the following days specifically on these areas we stress the necessity of addressing two elements to further enhance our work. We have indicated our expectation of a clear organisation of work for the year, and we would like early engagement of our Group on topics for each session in order to ensure effective participation and ownership of the process.

Co-chairs, if we are to achieve a significant and adequate increase in the level of global mitigation ambition in the near future, we have to go beyond identifying and exploring mitigation potentials in different economic sectors by elaborating a comprehensive and robust incentive framework allowing both developed and developing countries to harness those potentials.

Therefore, Africa would request the preparation of a technical paper identifying the full range of incentives types per thematic and geographical distribution, which would help in making concrete recommendations to the COP for its consideration.

Co-chairs, The African Group stand ready during this session to enter into an open and transparent dialogue in a formal mode of work that would move us toward achieving the mandate of ADP for this year, and bring us closer to an agreed elements of a negotiation text for the 2015 agreement.

I thank you