

ADP opening plenary intervention

Co-chairs – I am Meena Raman from Third World Network, a member of CJN! It is astounding that many developed countries talk of climate effectiveness and ambition and fairness in the new agreement. These words ring so hollow and dubious especially after what we witnessed in the Doha outcomes – with some developed countries abandoning their mitigation commitments under the KP; with a 2 CP with very low ambition and which is legally uncertain without ratification and with no meaningful and ambitious emissions reductions under the LCA by those developed countries not in the KP.

Instead what we see is the push for new market mechanisms for not doing real emission cuts domestically with their already weak ambition and to create further loopholes. There is no roadmap on finance from now till 2020. It is not enough to have the GCF if has no money. It is not enough to have a Technology Mechanism if it cannot ensure real technology transfer to developing countries and address IPR barriers. Developed countries appear to want to deregulate the current legally-binding regime and attempt to put in place a new regime to rewrite the convention and weaken the current rules based which are premised on science and equity to one that ignores historical responsibility and locks in a pledge and review world that will neither be climate effective, nor ambitious.

We need ambition now and not a decade of inaction. Civil society condemned the Doha outcomes as being weak and of low-ambition. We cannot allow an ADP process which leads to same end – which is unfair in its outcomes, does not respect the CBDR principle and ignores historical responsibility. We want a fair, just, and equitable agreement that addresses the climate debt, addresses the urgency of ambition and enables equitable access to atmospheric space and allows for sustainable development for developing countries. It cannot be an agreement which allows for further appropriation of atmospheric space by those who have the greatest historical responsibility and capacity to act in the name of being an agreement which is fair to all. We will not condone that.

Thank-you.