

**STATEMENT BY INDIA ON BEHALF OF BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA,
CHINA AND INDIA AT THE OPENING PLENARY OF THE DURBAN
PLATFORM IN BONN, 29 April, 2013**


Thank you Co-Chairs.

I have the privilege of making this statement on behalf of Brazil, South Africa, China and India.

We fully associate ourselves with the statement made by Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China

At the outset, I would like to acknowledge the commendable efforts of the Co-Chairs in steering the important work of this subsidiary body since last year and assure you of our continued support and constructive engagement in this important phase of negotiations under the UNFCCC.

At Doha significant progress was achieved as we closed the Bali tracks and laid a ~~solid~~ foundation for ADP through fulfillment of the mandate of AWG-KP and reaching an agreed outcome pursuant to Bali Action Plan. The work of Durban Platform must be based on and build on the work carried out by Parties under the Bali Road Map. At the same time, the work of ADP must be continuously informed by the work of subsidiary bodies. In this regard, we welcome the initiative of Co-Chairs to organize a briefing by chairs of SBs in this session.

 Co-Chairs,

We reaffirm that the objective of the Durban Platform negotiations is to further strengthen the current multilateral rule-based climate regime, ensuring the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention from 2020. The Durban Platform is by no means a process to negotiate a new regime, nor to renegotiate, rewrite, restructure or reinterpret the Convention or its principles and provisions. Both the process and the outcome of the Durban Platform are under the Convention and must fully adhere to all its principles and provisions, in particular the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. This is in re-affirmation of the views already expressed by Fiji on behalf of G77&China.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

The work of Durban Platform is a comprehensive process, covering mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology and capacity building and must address the issues related to these building blocks in a holistic, balanced and coordinated manner.

The question of ambition under both Kyoto Protocol and the Convention is one of the key issues before us. We note with grave concern the ambition gap between what developed country Parties have pledged and what is required by science and their historical responsibility. We also note that the mitigation contribution by developing country Parties is much greater than that by developed country Parties.

These developing country actions can be enhanced further with greater provision of finance and technology transfer. Developed countries must take the lead and scale up ambition not just in mitigation but also in adaptation, provision of finance, technology transfer and capacity building. Further, early and meaningful operationalisation of the mechanisms set up in recent years to support developing countries including inter-alia the Green Climate Fund, Technology Mechanism, Adaptation Committee needs to be prioritized.

We support the approach of continuing ADP discussions in roundtables and workshops to further understand each other's views. We stress that there must be a balance in issues covered in the roundtables and workshops related to mitigation, adaptation and provision of finance and technology by developed countries to developing countries. We would also like to offer our general support to your proposal of establishing a contact group, a mode of work that would assist our work in the June session.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

I take this opportunity to re-iterate the full support of BASIC countries to the Co-Chairs in taking forward the work of ADP this year in an open, transparent, party-driven and inclusive manner.

I thank you, Mr Co-Chairs.
