

Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention (decision 1/CP.11)

**Oral report at COP 12 by the co-facilitators
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Mr. President,

I am reporting this afternoon also on behalf of my co-facilitator, Ms. Sandea de Wet, who was unable to be with us. We have the honor to report on the progress made to date on the dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention.

Context and themes of the dialogue

At the Conference of the Parties in Montreal last year, governments resolved to engage in a dialogue to exchange experiences and analyse strategic approaches for long-term cooperative action to address climate change. This was to be undertaken without prejudice to any future negotiations, commitments, process, framework or mandate under the Convention.

The dialogue is an open and non-binding exchange of views, information and ideas in support of enhanced implementation of the Convention, focusing on four thematic areas: Advancing development goals in a sustainable way; Addressing action on adaptation; Realizing the full potential of technology; and Realizing the full potential of market-based opportunities.

Actions, activities and approaches

In addition to setting the context and identifying the thematic areas, Parties also agreed in Montreal on the actions, activities and approaches which could result from the dialogue. In this regard, the dialogue is to:

- Enable Parties to continue to develop effective and appropriate national and international responses to climate change;
- Serve as a forum for identifying actions to promote research, development, and deployment of, as well as investment in, cleaner technologies and infrastructure;
- Explore ways and means to promote access by developing countries to cleaner and climate-friendly technologies and technologies for adaptation through the creation of enabling environments, concrete actions and programmes.
- Identify approaches which would support, and provide the enabling conditions for, voluntary actions by developing countries to mitigate and adapt to climate change;

What has happened so far

Two workshops were held this year. The first one took place between 15 and 16 May and the second one between 15 and 16 November. Both workshops were attended by representatives from Parties and from observer organizations. At the first workshop, we had an initial discussion on all four themes and initiated analysis of strategic approaches to address climate change. At the second workshop, our discussions focused on concrete actions for two of the dialogue themes namely development goals and market-based opportunities, as well as on effective and appropriate national and international responses to climate change.

Nineteen Parties submitted to us their views and ideas in writing. For this we are grateful. During the workshops, we heard presentations from government experts, representatives of

businesses, observer non-governmental organizations, United Nations bodies, and initiatives outside the UNFCCC process. All submissions, presentations and other material we received are available on the UNFCCC web site.

Parties agreed in Montreal that the process will be informed by the best available scientific, technical, social and economic information. Accordingly, the findings of the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change were presented to the dialogue here in Nairobi. We look forward to a thorough briefing on the findings of the working group contributions to the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC in May 2007.

Initial impressions from the two workshops

This dialogue offers a unique opportunity for expanding the creative space and building confidence among Parties through an informal and open exchange of experiences unconstrained by any formal negotiating process. This informal nature provided the setting for exciting, interesting and open discussions, which covered a range of issues that need to be addressed as strategic approaches to climate change and development.

We have been impressed by the quality of the information provided and by the willingness of Parties to contribute to the discussions. We are particularly encouraged by the eagerness of Parties to follow-up on the ideas presented in the first workshop by developing their thinking further through submissions and presentations at the second workshop. We hope that we will see more examples of this in the remaining two workshops. The business community has taken a keen interest in the dialogue process and business representatives prepared thoughtful inputs. Parties expressed an interest in a dialogue with the business community. Other observers have contributed as well.

Next steps

The last two workshops will take place next year. The third one will be scheduled during the first sessional period in 2007 and will focus on concrete actions on the two remaining dialogue themes dealing with adaptation and technology.

This morning the COP Bureau agreed to forward a draft decision to the COP regarding holding the fourth workshop between the first and second sessional periods in 2007. We welcome this and can confirm that we have consulted delegations. This arrangement will allow us to provide a written report to COP 13.

Many delegations expressed the view that care should be taken regarding scheduling of future workshops in order to allow them to participate fully.

Needs for future support from the secretariat

Responding to a number of requests by Parties and in order to facilitate our discussions on cross-cutting and overarching issues, we have asked the secretariat to provide us, before the fourth workshop, with an analysis of existing and planned investment flows and finance schemes relevant to the development of effective and appropriate international responses to climate change.

Thank you Mr. President.