

AILAC Intervention to the GST

GLOBAL STOCKTAKE OPENING PLENARY

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Thank you co-facilitators.

and Distinguished Delegates,

1. Colombia has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of AILAC and associate ourselves with the statement made by the distinguished delegate from Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China.
2. We see this session as the culmination of years of hard work by many of delegates gathering here. We express appreciation to the Co-facilitators for their efforts and creativity in putting together the modalities of this Dialogue in an inclusive an open manner.
3. Launching the dialogue is a **cornerstone of the process of the Paris Agreement**. The Stocktake exercise we embark today will be the only Stocktake with the ability to **inform** climate action within this critical decade. Thus it will mark *either* a remarkable collective achievement, that **can truly transform collective action**, *or* sentencing billions of our most vulnerable people. Let us keep this in mind as we do our work.
4. We call upon all Parties to engage in this technical dialogue as it contributes the further ones with a view to ensuring **the Global Stocktake Outcome, to be decided in COP 28, can enable all Parties to enhance ambition in action AND support in line with what is required by the Paris Agreement goals**.
5. This results-oriented focus should drive us to **keep the dialogue as technical as possible**: Parties must be enabled and empowered to make the right decisions as they review and update their NDCs and other climate policies, and this cannot happen unless the most up-to-date, relevant technical information, with regards to **both the challenges and the solutions**, is made available to the Parties in a manner that reflects what we learn through this stocktaking process.

6. In this context, we believe that the Global Stocktake Outcome must serve three concrete purposes which are related but distinct:
 - a) Firstly, to **inform policy formulation** as countries elaborate new or updated NDCs, Long Term Strategies, and policy more broadly across energy, agriculture, urban planning, land-use, and also **and other policy areas** such as education and labour.
 - b) Secondly, a purpose to **help set the global agenda** going forward towards **implementation**, by identifying concrete areas of climate action and collaboration where national and collective ambition must be enhanced.
 - c) Thirdly, a purpose to **provide a reference**, so that the UNFCCC and *NonParty* Stakeholders can broadly turn as they evolve their expectations, so that future NDCs can be considered in light the needs of the latest available science.
7. I would like to also refer to **where we are** considering the technical messages we have heard this week. The first message we must communicate is simple enough: **we are in crisis and only unprecedented radical change can prevent further crisis. Global emissions must peak within the next three years, and down by half at the end of the decade, if we are to protect our most vulnerable communities from these terrible impacts.**
8. Any assessment of the adequacy of past action, current plans, and international support to date, **and notably the latest IPCC reports**, concludes how far behind we are. The GST cannot be about blame oriented, but actually acknowledge the science and thus make very clear what are the demands in order for short-term actions to be aligned with 1.5°C pathways.
9. The second message is that **solutions exist, and enabling them is within our grasp**. The technologies and funds currently available at a global level can certainly tackle this challenge. **However, current institutional, governance, social, and financial barriers together with our conceptual framework of traditional actions on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation are locking us to a path of failure.**
10. And finally, having assessed how critical our situation is, the third technical message should frame: **only rapid in-depth transformational change across all our productive sectors will avoid further crisis.**

11. This sets the stage for our task in these technical dialogues: **our job is to put forward the technical elements that show the way, so Parties can use the latest knowledge and find their own paths forward.** The technical messages, and the technical language that supports them, will be the key to success.
12. Similarly, the GST Technical Dialogue must highlight the enablers in the forms of instruments, structures, and notably **climate finance** which **must be made available immediately** to enable the necessary flows of means of implementation that are coherent with achieving the Paris goals. Finance is an enabler – and the very logic of the word “enabler” implies that it has to come first.
13. Perhaps our greatest challenge in this work is that we fail to fully engage in the new concepts and solutions which have emerged from the technical literature in recent years. This is a technical dialogue, and yet it is in many cases it is diplomats and negotiators who are engaging in it. As we embark on this track, let us come genuinely informed with that scientific knowledge and not the preconceptions that hamper our work and take us back to usual places that won’t deliver transformation. **Let us be bold and take our guiding concepts from the technical findings that today give us new hope.**
14. Let me finish by bringing attention to all to be open to the multitude of new concepts which the science says we need, such as **“systems transitions”, “climate resilient development”, “shifting development pathways”, “enabling societal change” -- “achieving just transitions” and their full technical implications.**
15. Furthermore, let us use them to set agendas for action and support, to mobilize private sector and civil society, and to further scientific research across the globe. Perhaps, friends, our crisis is deep enough to allow for a new “narratives” which will guide our way forward.

If we are bold enough to use the latest available science, we will surely succeed.

I Thank you

