

**AFRICAN GROUP OF NEGOTIATORS (AGN)  
STATEMENT**

Technical Dialogue 1.3

Closing Plenary

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The African Group supports the statement delivered by Cuba on behalf of G77 + China. We commend the Co-Facilitators ('CF') of the Technical Dialogue ('TD') and Secretariat for the excellent arrangements made for this final technical dialogue, which enabled all parties and Non-Party Stakeholders to participate in the discussions on the emerging messages and the sharing of views, experiences and proposals on "what next".

The African Group participated constructively in the discussion of TD1.3 and shared its views and concerns on the emerging messages prepared by the CFs. In our interventions and submissions, the African Group clearly addressed the key issues that have not been taken into consideration in the current emerging messages and made proposals on additional messages.

The content of the Factual Synthesis Report ('FSR') should be more action oriented, presenting findings that are clear on (i) the required effort (ii) current levels of efforts and gaps; and (iii) the implementation of the NDC cycle, and the raising of ambition in Parties undertakings and international cooperation, based- on equity and CBDR&RC.

We cannot over-emphasise the importance of balance between the various thematic areas and addressing them in a comprehensive manner. We reiterate the call for a standalone reflection on loss & damage and response measures in the FSR. We trust that our concerns on adaptation and the means of implementation sections will also be addressed in the next iteration of our work.

We do not intend to repeat the points we raised during the roundtables, as we have submitted those for your ease of reference. But as a group it would be amiss not to re-emphasise the following;

**Integrated and holistic approaches**

- Firstly, we must emphasize how crucial it will be that the emerging messages clearly affirm that the operationalization of the principle of equity and the enabling of a just transition for all countries/systems is essential for achieving the ambition in climate actions required for attaining PA goals. Developing countries, particularly those recording the lowest level of progress towards meeting the SDGs and a just transition to low-emission and resilient development, must be provided with the policy space, and enabling means of implementation and support for their climate actions. International cooperation must recognize and support this. This emerging message must be reflected in the FSR.
- It is also important to the African Group for the messages to be explicit that Parties will have different pathways towards the achievement of the collective goals of PA. Equity

considerations and the development context of various Parties is an intrinsic lens through which the stocktake is to be undertaken

### **Mitigation and response measures**

- Additional messages on the pre-2020 implementation and finance gaps covering both mitigation and adaptation, with clear options for closing this gap, such that it doesn't transfer the burden to developing countries in line with article 4.4 that clearly states that developed countries should continue taking the lead should be included in the FSR.
- We particularly emphasize the need for a just transition and measures to address the negative impact of unilateral response measures and coercive actions that are exacerbating the financial constraints African countries are facing to finance the basic infrastructure needed to live a life of dignity.

### **Adaptation and Loss and Damage**

- We also look forward to guidance by the SB Chairs on how we will deliver on the clear mandate in paragraphs 23 and 24 of decision 3/CMA.4 in respect of assessing the GGA in line with parameters in paragraph 10 of the same decision.
- We reiterate the need for a fifth additional message on the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing countries, which is a strong demonstration of commitment by vulnerable countries in the face of inadequate international support

### **Means of implementation**

- Despite available material from the IPCC, and Standing Committee on Finance amongst others, the emerging messages are silent on the scale of finance available to developing countries as well as their needs.
- The urgent need to call on the developed countries to fulfil their financial commitments in regards to the US\$100 billion support, is an important part of assessing where we are in terms of finance.
- Finally, we implore the co-facilitators to find expression of a needs-based approach, with a view to a holistic consideration of, not just finance, but on conditions that would enable developing countries to higher ambition in light of a comprehensive response needed to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement

As this is the last session in the technical assessment phase of GST-1, the African Group wishes to reiterate its appreciation to the CFs for their leadership and the excellent manner in which they conducted the technical dialogue. There was good innovation in how we conducted the dialogue and there was also transparency and a good level of responsiveness to feedback that they received that enabled comprehensive participation and sharing of views by all parties and NPS. They have our appreciation. We also like to thank the UNFCCC secretariat for their excellent arrangements and the timely support during all sessions of the TD.

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