

Shreya K.C., Nepal June 10: Roundtable 4 – Integrated and holistic approaches

Thank you co-facilitators,

My name is Shreya K.C. speaking on behalf of the children and youth constituency. I would like to express gratitude to the co-facilitators for ensuring the engagement of non-party stakeholders in the Technical dialogue.

Many parties emphasized during the first and second Joint Contact Groups that the participation of NPS is crucial, which was reiterated by Trinidad and Tobago and Colombia.

We would also like to stress this point as we transition from the discussion phase in the technical dialogue to the decision-making phase in the political phase.

I was not even born when the 1st COP happened in 1995. As a youth delegate at this critical United Nations Climate Change Conference, I stand before you today to highlight the urgent need for cross-cutting approaches in the Global Stocktake, underscoring the importance of holistic solutions for climate-resilient development.

Our generation is at the forefront of climate action, experiencing the immediate consequences of inaction.

By involving youth in decision-making processes, we tap into a wellspring of innovative ideas, diverse perspectives, and unwavering commitment, ensuring the Stocktake reflects the aspirations and needs of future generation.

As I speak now, my country Nepal is experiencing record-breaking temperatures. Even if we are able to limit 1.5 degrees, it will be around 2 degree celsius for us.

The climate crisis is impacting us all but we are not on the same page in terms of our resources and capacity to adapt and address loss and damage. It is certain that the climate crisis will worsen if we continue relying on our fossil-based economy.

This message has been reiterated in SB56, COP26, and continues to be relevant today. It is worth repeating. Similar to closing the tap when a bucket is full, we must reduce the source of emission at the source.

The Global Stocktake must embrace the principles of climate-resilient development as outlined in Chapter 18 of the IPCC report. This holistic approach recognizes that climate action should not be pursued in isolation but should be integrated into broader development strategies and aligned with sustainable development goals.

Moreover, the Global Stocktake must prioritize the protection and promotion of human rights and rights to a clean and healthy environment. It is imperative that GST considers the social and ethical dimensions of climate action, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Food systems transformation, including addressing food loss and waste, shifting to healthy and sustainable plant-based diets, and—particularly in developed countries—reducing the overconsumption of animal products offers outstanding mitigation and adaptation benefits, as well as holistic solutions.

In addition, biodiversity conservation should be a central component of the Global Stocktake. Another crucial aspect is the inclusion of emissions from military conflicts which is often overlooked despite the fact that they contribute 3 to 6 percent of global emissions.

Consideration of these emissions would provide a comprehensive understanding of our carbon footprint and need further research.

Technology transfer, capacity building, research and innovation, and knowledge sharing are vital. Collaboration through public-private partnerships and south-south initiatives further enhances progress in achieving sustainable solutions.

We cannot afford to delay or take half-measures. The IPCC's warning of a closing window of opportunity demands our utmost attention and swift action. The Global Stocktake must be robust, inclusive, and transparent, reflecting the urgency of the climate crisis we face.

In conclusion, let us seize this moment to forge a Global Stocktake that integrates holistic approaches for climate-resilient development, upholds human rights, safeguards biodiversity, considers emissions from military conflicts, and includes the voices of non-party stakeholders, especially youth and children, and vulnerable communities.

By doing so, we can pave the way for a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all and this is possible. We support the statements of IPO on indigenous rights and BINGO on just transition.

Thank you