

Global Climate Action High-Level Event
Monday 11 December | Plenary 2 (Al Ghafat) | 16:30 – 18:00
[3 minutes]

Excellencies,

1. Senegal has the privilege to speak on behalf of the 46 Least Developed Countries
2. We would like to express our appreciation for the work of the High Level Champions on Climate Action.
3. We need everyone on board to fully address this climate crisis and the injustices it exacerbates - of course that includes Governments, but also non-Party Stakeholders: businesses, investors, cities and regions, and communities worldwide all have a critical role to play in urgently slashing global emissions, building resilient societies and enabling communities to adapt to the worsening impacts of climate change.
4. We must continue to engage all aspects of society to enable the far-reaching transformational changes necessary to realize the goals of the Paris Agreement.
5. Our people in the Least Developed Countries bear the brunt of climate impacts, despite negligible contributions to its cause. And we know climate change will continue to make worse the many challenges our people face, worsening inequalities and locking in cycles of poverty - unless there is action.
6. We know that there are many positive synergies between climate change action and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and we need a whole-of-society approach to maximize those synergies to ensure a safe and preposterous future for all.
7. Actions taken to protect communities across the world from the devastating impacts of climate change, can bring us closer to achieving these goals: the IPCC has confirmed that limiting warming to 1.5C remains feasible and can contribute to sustainable development, the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequality.
8. Efforts to address climate change must be rooted in fairness and justice, to ensure that they are actions that will also bring people out of poverty and improve the lives of many. Likewise, efforts to increase wealth and health must be in line with a 1.5C, resilient future

9. Fairness and justice must be rooted in all climate actions, with a view to harnessing an equal world where no one is left behind.
10. Global solidarity and support from the international community are absolutely critical to realizing the goals of the Paris Agreement. And this must extend beyond governments. Non-state actors must step up to the challenges of our time and be bold and ambitious in setting us on a path where people and the planet are protected from the worst effects of climate change.