

**Opening of the 44th Meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 44)
Statement by the Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of the Least Developed Countries
Group**

16 May 2016, Bonn, Germany

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Democratic Republic of Congo has the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries. We associate ourselves with the statement made by Thailand on behalf of the G77 and China, Mali on behalf of the African Group, and Maldives on behalf of AOSIS.

Paris has created unprecedented political momentum and international collaboration, and we have to maintain and carry forward these global spirits. On SBI issues, we know that we have some unfinished tasks that we have been working on for quite some time. We now also have new tasks arising from Paris outcome. We strongly feel that we should conclude some of our outstanding issues before COP22 and we should chart a clear roadmap with a definitive time frame for the issues arising from Paris.

Let me assure you, Mr. Chair, that you have the full support of the LDC Group in working towards productive and successful outcome of the items under the SBI in this session.

Mr. Chair

On Agenda Item 3 and 4: Reporting from Annex I and non-Annex I Parties,

On provision of financial and technical support for reporting from non-Annex I Parties, we appreciate support that some LDCs have received. But we also need to go beyond supporting reporting, and build the infrastructure to improve regular reporting. The funds provided now are only for reporting, but not institutional capacity building. We need targeted support, for example, for building countries' MRV systems, sustainable data management, etc. to enable countries to cope with additional reporting requirements.

On agenda Item 5: Registry of NDC referred to in Article 4, para 12 of Paris Agreement

We feel that while developing modalities and procedures for the operation and use of the public registry, the special situations of LDCs need to be duly considered. We see the importance of having compilation and synthesis of NDCs by the Secretariat and making them available in the registry. Considering the use of common metrics for presenting information of NDCs in the registry is also very important.

Mr. Chair

On agenda Item 6: Matters relating to the mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol

We emphasize the need to close the negotiations going on for quite some time on the review of the modalities and procedure of CDM and JI in this session, and prepare decisions for adoption by CMP12. We understand that the modalities and procedures of new mechanisms under the Paris Agreement will build on the existing KP mechanisms and institutions. So we feel the need to have LDC membership in the CDM Executive Board to ensure fair representation in the process.

On agenda item 9: 3rd Review of Adaptation Fund

We consider this review very important and timely. Here we should think carefully about how the Adaptation Fund can support the implementation of Paris Agreement and associated TORs for them. We also highlight the need for further simplification of accreditation procedures to allow more national entities to be accredited for direct access.

On agenda item 11: 3rd comprehensive review of the implementation of the Capacity Building under the Convention and under the Kyoto Protocol;

Capacity building is critical for LDCs, as emphasized by the Paris Agreement. We must show the urgency of capacity building needs for the preparation and implementation of obligations under the Convention and the Paris Agreement. As we are implementing the capacity building framework, the challenges faced by LDCs have to be addressed. For the third review we have to look at the results of the first and the second review (what we have and what we can add, etc.) and the impact of the effect of capacity building on the ground was low

On TOR for the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)

PCCB should do the work of enforcing the capacity building activities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement. The work that is to be done by the PCCB should not duplicate the work that has already been done, but seek to further enhance the new initiatives of the Paris Agreement. Membership should be more inclusive and include those in need of capacity building such as LDCs. The needs of these countries in the decision making process should be addressed. In technology we conduct TNAs, perhaps LDCs can conduct capacity building needs assessments to take stock of their capacity building needs. This work should be overseen by the PCCB and work to implement actions to address them. PCCB should conduct a review of the Durban forum and advise the COP as to whether that body should continue or not. Regarding the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency, we need to emphasize that LDCs will need this support.

Mr.Chair

On agenda item 14: The scope of the next periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention

Our group propose that the mode of discussions would be the Structured Expert Dialogue, as we did during 2013-15 and as refereed in Paragaph 11 of 10/CP.21. The focus should be on the 1.5° C global goal with clear linkage to Article 2 of Paris Agreement, and the IPCC special report on 1.5°C be delivered in 2018 highlighting the social, economic and environmental implications of achieving 1.5°C.

On agenda item 15: Gender

The LDC Group would like to emphasize that it is important to involve gender in all the thematic areas of climate change in order to effectively address the differential impacts of climate change especially to grass-root level communities. We welcome the technical paper compiled by the secretariat on guidelines and tools for integrating gender considerations into climate change related activities under the Convention. We also welcome the organization of the in-session workshop which we believe is a catalyst to having a gender and climate change decision in Marrakech to further the work on the Lima Work Program on Gender.

Mr. Chair,

The issue relating to Loss and Damage is very important for our group. We share our concern on treatment of this important agenda item in this subsidiary body. We have very important task relating to review and finalization of the five-year work plan of Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) on Loss and Damage. We call for inclusion of Loss and Damage in the joint agenda item of Subsidiary Bodies allowing space to have guidance review process and preparation of five-year work plan.

We look forward to engaging with all Parties to conclude the unfinished but important work of the SBI as well as the new tasks coming out of Paris at the earliest opportunity we have here in this session.

Thank you

**Closing Statement by Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of the Least
Developed Countries (LDC) Group
Bonn Climate Change Conference- May 2016**

44th Session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 44)

Co-Facilitators, Distinguished Delegates,

1. The Democratic Republic of Congo has the honour to speak on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group, a group of 48 countries that are poorest, least capable hence extremely vulnerable to climate change impacts.
2. Allow me to begin by associating ourselves with the statement made by Thailand on behalf of the G77 and China, Mali on behalf of the African Group and Maldives on behalf of the AOSIS.
3. We acknowledge with appreciation the successful completion of most of the agenda items under the SBI in this Bonn session. We congratulate Parties and co-facilitators for their hard work and dedication.
4. We underscore the need to complete, and in some cases close, the remaining agenda items that have been referred to future SB sessions, notably:
 - a. agenda item 7(a): Review of the modalities and procedures for the clean development mechanism;
 - b. agenda item 10: Third review of the Adaptation Fund in line with the TOR agreed in this session;
 - c. agenda item 11: scope and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
 - d. agenda item 15: the scope of the next periodic review of the long term global goal under the Convention;
 - e. as well as agenda items 5 and 6 on development of modalities and procedures for the operation of public registry referred to in Article 4.12 and Article 7.12 of the Paris Agreement respectively.

5. We are also looking forward to having rich and useful submissions from Parties and observer organizations that we agreed under different agenda items, and we consider them critically important in shaping and moving our discussions in a constructive fashion

Thank you.