Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has the honour to speak on behalf of the LDC Group. I would like to associate myself with the statements made by Thailand on behalf of G77 and China, Mali on behalf of Africa Group and Maldives on behalf of Association of Small Island States (AOSIS).

From the outset, allow me to thank you and the Secretariat for the various documents you have made available on different agenda items under the SBSTA. The LDCs have full confidence in your chairmanship of this important body, and believe that our discussions will reach the best possible outcomes.

Mr. Chairman, matters related to agriculture is an important agenda item for our group. We have taken a proactive approach by preparing a draft decision together with African group on this matter. We are also in consultation with other groups and hope that the Draft Decision text will help to ease the decision making process here at this COP.

The LDC Group looks forward to the in-session workshop on the modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement. The LDC Group has made a submission in this regard highlighting the challenges and information gaps of the existing modalities and the accounting modalities that need to be developed to serve the Paris Agreement. In this workshop, we expect to gain a common understanding on the different Parties’ views and start developing the modalities for the accounting of financial resources.

Mr. Chairman, we recognize the progress made under the Nairobi Work Programme in strengthening engagement with partner organizations and developing new partnerships under specific thematic areas. We further look forward to contributions of the NWP in assisting the implementation of adaptation activities in our countries. We also look forward to actively participating in the 10th focal point forum on health and adaptation.

On matters related to the global stocktake and IPCC assessments report, the LDC Group is of the view that the IPCC should align its work following the timing of the GST by adopting 5-year assessment cycles from 2023 onwards and ensure that all products of an assessment cycle are in time to be considered for the global stocktake process. At this meeting here in Marrakech a possible Call to the IPCC to provide the best available science on all elements of the mandate of the global stocktake would certainly help. The IPCC should aim to provide information on mitigation, adaptation and the means of implementation, as well as on the impacts implied by current NDC pathways and the avoided impacts by limiting warming to below 1.5°C.

On matters related to the Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, we stress that Parties shall meet their mitigation contributions domestically and the use of internationally mitigation outcomes must lead to a higher ambition and promote sustainable development while...
ensuring environmental integrity. Non market mechanisms can help developing countries to implement their adaptation and mitigation NDCs.

Mr. Chairman, let me share some of our thoughts on joint agenda items of both SBI and SBSTA

• We note the concern highlighted in the report of the Adaptation Committee regarding serious shortfall in resources available to the AC, and the need for supplementary financial resources. This will certainly have implications on the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat, including those additional activities pursuant to decision 1/CP.21. We urge the Chairs of SBI and SBSTA to take this concern forward.

• We welcome the progress made by the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, in implementing the two-year work programme and delivering to the mandates from 1/CP.21. This is a high-priority agenda item for our group and we look forward for constructive engagement from all partners to have decision here at COP22 with regards to five-year rolling work plan and review of the WIM.

• We welcome the joint report of TEC and CTCN and look forward to engage in a discussion, particularly the recommendation related to exploring potential opportunities offered by South–South cooperation and triangular cooperation to help countries implement their national adaptation plans (NAPs) and nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

• We also welcome the ongoing discussion and progress made in potential linkage between the technology mechanism and the financial mechanism. We look forward for concrete outcome of this discussion to adequately support the technology needs of developing countries.

• We look forward to an appropriate decision on the elaboration of the technology framework at this meeting. The LDC Group has made a submission in this regard, highlighting the purpose, content, features and characteristics of the framework. We believe that the framework will play a strategic role in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the work of the Technology Mechanism by ensuring that climate technology needs of developing countries are met, taking into account the specific situation of LDCs.

Mr. Chairman, in closing let me assure you that we have full confidence on your chairmanship and trust that the important agenda under SBSTA will get sufficient time for discussion and come to the best outcomes. While scheduling meetings and allocating slots for agenda discussions, please also take into account that the LDCs have a small delegation and it will be challenging for us to attend many parallel meetings at one time.

Mr. Chairman, the LDCs are ready to work constructively on making as much progress as possible at this session and look forward to working with you and all Parties.

Thank you.