

THIRD WORLD NETWORK STATEMENT AT ADP PLENARY 30 AUGUST 2012

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Thank you for giving us opportunity to intervene.

We agree with many developing country parties that the ADP must not allow developed countries to 'jump-ship to a voluntary pledge regime under the Durban Platform to escape their legally binding commitments under Convention, paragraph 1 b (i) of the BAP and the KP.

We cannot understand how those in Annex 1 countries who are escaping their legal commitments under the existing legal regime of the Convention, and the KP can show more ambition under the ADP when the ADP's terms of reference and parameters are yet to be defined.

In the name of closing the ambition gap, we must not negate the historical responsibility of developed countries. They can be no excuses for not acting with high targets in meeting current legal obligations. Low targets, weak pledges and loopholes will mean further appropriation of the remaining atmospheric space that is most needed for the poor of the developing world in meeting their sustainable development needs. Those who need to lead appear to be shifting much of the burden of mitigation on the poor of the developing world and call that 'meeting the mitigation gap'. This is unacceptable.

For a meaningful outcome from the ADP workstreams, Parties must adhere and fully respect and comply with the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol (KP) and all COP/CMP decisions including the Bali Action Plan.

The ADP workstreams must first address the principles which underpin the negotiations for the outcome of the ADP. This should explicitly be based on the principles and provisions of the Convention in order to set clear guidance for its work, especially Article 3.1 in relation to 'equity' and 'common but differentiated responsibility.

The outcomes of the work of the ADP workstreams should not lead to

a re-writing, weakening or undermining of the UNFCCC but must lead to its full, effective and sustained implementation.

The ADP's workstreams should not duplicate nor prejudice negotiations and work already being undertaken in the AWG-KP, AWG-LCA, SBI, and SBSTA.

Workstream II's consideration of mitigation ambition should be guided by and not pre-judge the outcomes of CMP 8/ COP 18, especially the outcomes of the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA. The work under Workstream II must be properly sequenced, so that the current negotiations under the AWG-KP and AWG-LCA as regards the pre-2020 mitigation are not prejudiced or undermined.

The determination of the legal form of the outcome should be phased into the negotiations after there is greater clarity on the content of the agreement.

Finally, all sessions, including those in informal settings, should be open to all Parties and observers; they should be participatory, inclusive and transparent.

Thank-you.