

ADP session suspended; Co-chairs to prepare non-paper

Bonn, 16 June (Meena Raman) – The 10th plenary meeting of the UNFCCC's Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was suspended on Saturday, 14 June, and will resume in October later this year.

It was agreed that the ADP Co-chairs, Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Artur Runge-Metzger (the European Union), will reflect their views in a Co-chairs' note on the elements for the draft negotiating text for the 2015 agreement to be concluded in Paris, France.

Kumarsingh said that the Co-chairs had heard the calls to intensify negotiations with written inputs and for a non-paper of bullets on the elements from Parties' views derived from the conference room papers (CRPs) and submissions.

The ADP Co-chair was referring in particular to a call by the Like-minded Developing Countries who had been pushing for text based negotiations, rather than an exchange of views based on issues posed by the Co-chairs as had been going on since the work of the ADP commenced two years ago.

China, speaking for the **Like-minded Developing Countries** (LMDC) reiterated the group's expectations for the next session of the ADP and provided the Co-chairs with some guidance.

It said that since the ADP has entered into a formal negotiation mode in the contact group format, it continued to expect that Parties will be negotiating directly with other Parties as soon as possible on the text. It stressed that the LMDC had been ready to do so and encouraged others to do the same.

[The LMDC submitted two conference room papers (CRPs) during the June session and had called for engagement on Party driven texts.]

China expected the ADP Co-Chairs to help the Parties move forward in the negotiations in a collective and constructive way through the circulation to Parties, by 15 July 2014, of a bullet point document as a non-paper that should reflect in a comprehensive, factual and objective manner, all the inputs of Parties from their CRPs, submissions, and interventions at this session with respect to the elements for a draft negotiating text.

This non-paper, it said, should be arranged and structured under the six heading elements consistent with paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17 (referring to the Durban decision, and the elements are mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity building, and transparency of action and support). China said that under this six headings, the non-paper should reflect with attribution all the options and proposals coming from all Parties.

It emphasised further that the Co-Chairs should not attempt to identify or even prejudice any convergences or divergences in this non-paper. This non-paper would serve simply as an information tool that Parties can use to collectively identify and start moving towards convergence on the basis of direct, Party-driven, transparent, inclusive and Party text-based negotiations in October and as well as in Lima, said China.

It stressed that this non-paper cannot be treated in the same manner or have the same legal standing as Parties' textual submissions. China expected the same treatment with regard to any other document, non-paper or piece of information that the Co-chairs may put forward in full accordance with the Durban Mandate and also the decisions from Durban, Doha and Warsaw.

China further said that the LMDC reserved their right to present additional views and contributions on the

process and substance of the work of the ADP in future sessions. It said that the LMDC will continue to work in the ADP through active, constructive, progressive, and positive engagement and involvement in these negotiations, in order to achieve a successful outcome in Lima.

Kumarsingh also said that the Co-chairs will also prepare a revised proposal as regards the information Parties will provide in relation to the intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs). He said that it will be most useful to provide this as early as possible.

The ADP Co-chairs had during the recently concluded Bonn session produced a non-paper relating to the INDCs which drew sharp reactions from all Parties. While developed countries welcomed the non-paper and wanted the Co-chairs to redraft the non-paper based on the discussions, the LMDC wanted the text to be based on Parties' written texts. The LMDC had on 11 June submitted a CRP as regards the information on the INDCs.

Kumarsingh added that an early scenario note will be produced in relation to the organisational work for the next ADP session in October. He explained that the current session of the ADP will be suspended and

will resume immediately at the next meeting. The Co-chairs also encouraged Parties and observers to provide submissions.

At the outset of the meeting Kumarsingh said that the ADP had three clear objectives: (i) to further elaborate the elements of the draft negotiating text on the 2015 agreement; (ii) make significant progress on the information related to the intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) and (iii) to advance work on the pre 2020 ambition sufficient to close ambition gap.

He said that on the elements of the draft negotiating text, there had been a clarification of further details and the Co-chairs had observed growing convergence among Parties and had identified politically significant choices and options. The ADP Co-chair reassured Parties that the process will be Party-driven; build on inputs from Parties and that the outputs of the ADP will come from inputs from Parties.

The meeting was then suspended and the next session of the ADP will be held on 20-25 October 2014 in Bonn, Germany.+