

Climate Change Diplomacy From Cancun to Durban



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Introductory remarks

- 1. Cancun is the beginning of a new era of international cooperation in climate change. We need to ensure that the entities and mechanisms created by the Cancun Agreements are fully operational by Durban.**
- 2. In Cancun we were able to surmount the paralysis and reconcile our differences, forging common understandings among almost 200 countries.**
- 3. The preparatory process was open and transparent. All voices and points of view were taken into account. Multilateralism and the United Nations were strengthened: in Cancun we all won**

The Cancun Agreements

- Determination to hold the increase of global average temperature below 2°C and further review towards holding it in 1.5°C.
- A robust mitigation package with quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by Annex I Parties and NAMAs by developing country Parties.
- A solid institutional architecture in support to the developing world through the establishment of the REDD+ mechanism; the Cancun Adaptation Framework; and the Technology Mechanism.
- The Green Climate Fund will act as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC; governed by a Board and with an independent secretariat. The World Bank will act as an interim trustee of the Fund.
- Decision to continue discussing legal options for a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, ensuring that there is no gap between the first and second periods.

Next Steps

In the road ahead we still have challenges and pending issues before us:

- Through the implementation of the Cancun Agreements we will generate trust, and trust will move us to increase our ambition in all areas. The institutions created in Cancun must be operational.**
- Fighting climate change poses a burden on all countries, and no country would be willing to bear such a burden alone. All countries, developed and developing are taking action.**
- The solution to climate change is strongly linked to our development policies. We must modify our production and consumption patterns, and move towards sustainable development.**

Next Steps

The Mexican Presidency will continue to promote the development of informal consultations on key issues along 2011, in support to the formal negotiations, looking also to consolidate the dialogue among all stakeholders:

- Ministerial Dialogue to facilitate the implementation of the Cancun Agreements in Mexico City on March 17-18.**
- Hosting the first meeting of the Transitional Committee during March.**
- Dialogue with the civil society, private sector, academia, and parliamentarians, to ensure that decisions adopted by States, as part of the Convention process, do contribute in promoting collaboration and partnerships on climate issues.**



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