



**Statement by Nepal
at the Closing Plenary of the May-June 2021 UN Climate Change Conference
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Respected Madam Chair of SBI, Respected Chair of SBSTA, Madam Executive Secretary and distinguish delegates, and Observers
Very warm greetings.

I am honored to deliver this statement on behalf of Nepal at this Closing Plenary of May-June 2021 SBs session.

At the outset, allow me to begin by associating ourselves with the statement made by the Republic of Guinea on behalf of the G77 and China; and Bhutan on behalf of Least Developed Countries.

First of all, I would like to thank and congratulate Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies, Secretariat and all the co-facilitators for the respective agenda items for the completion of this SB session in an unprecedented virtual setting despite multiple challenges from internet connectivity to time zone differences. Success of this session will be measured in the convergence on the position of the parties in informal notes produced by SB Chairs and how far those discussion guide us in our upcoming COP in Glasgow.

Intense discussions in the last three weeks became an effective platform to present and capture the views of the parties in numerous agenda items, However, it seems we are long way far from the convergence in the positions of the parties in major issues such as Article 13 reporting tables, finalizing the rules on Article 6 of the Paris agreement, Common time frames for NDC, National Adaptation Plan, Global Stock take and others.

We all came together to frame the Paris Agreement, ratified it and now as Parties to the Agreement, it is our duties to ensure its full implementation at the earliest based on the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities.

Recent synthesis report of the NDCs indicate we are nowhere on the pathway to a 2-degree world let alone a 1.5C world. Thus, on the run up to Glasgow, we need to reflect, review and re-engage more constructively to narrow down our differences in the days to come if we want Glasgow to deliver and if we want to fully implement the Paris Agreement rather than making matters more rigid and complicated.

Furthermore, as the LDCs are bearing the heaviest brunt of climate change, LDCs will need to build capacities, have access to technology and above all need the financial support to meet our adaptation needs and mitigation targets set out in our NDCs. Addressing Loss and Damage along

with operationalizing the Santiago Network will also need to form a key part of the discussions in the near future as we were not able to discuss much in these sessions.

As a Himalayan nation, a 1.5-degree target will still be comparatively higher for Nepal considering the sensitive cryospheric system. High mountain regions, as part of the global climate system, have experienced significant warming since the beginning of the 20th century and decrease in snowfall and loosing glacial mass rapidly in recent decades and projected to accelerate such scenario, I would thus like to request the SBSTA to consider the slow and onset events of glacial melt and the impacts of climate change on mountains ecosystems under agenda item of Research and Systemic Observations.

Respected Chairs and Distinguish delegates,

After seeing the driest of winters and on witnessing the worst of forest fires, now with just the start of the monsoons we are witnessing its wreath. The devastating downpours are currently creating havoc in Nepal with loss of lives and irreparable damages caused to property and huge infrastructure. The science is clear and signals of climate change are getting stronger.

Climate change is not a topic for negotiation but a matter for survival for our country.

Developed country parties must commit and contribute their fair share and raise the level of their mitigation ambition and must provide the predictable and adequate funding needed to support LDCs, SIDSs and developing countries to meet their adaptation requirements and mitigation targets set in their NDCs.

We therefore, humbly, request all parties to show the sense of urgency in climate actions and raise your ambition and support the most vulnerables. We should show our utmost flexibility to conclude the topics under negotiations, follow the science and respond voices of young people to protect the future of our generation and planet.

I thank SBI and SBSTA Chairs for providing this opportunity and look forward to more sessions prior to COP-26.

Looking forward to seeing you in Glasgow!!!

Thank you!!

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