

Mr. President



Convención sobre el Cambio Climático
Climate Change Convention

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- ① I wish to congratulate ^{you} President for ^{your} election as President of Argentina. I thank the ~~Argentinian~~ government for the hospitality and the excellent facilities.
- ② The technical officers have worked very hard and have made some progress on a number of issues ^{related to} but there are other issues which are still outstanding.
- ③ ^{Tauranig} As a coordinator of the LDC Group ~~of~~ ^{at} ~~Wrestle~~ ^{Wrestle} point out that the issues relating to this group of countries has not been concluded. The National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) have been viewed as a ~~pre~~ model for implementing adaptation actions. Their implementation of NAPA activities is therefore ^{very} important.
- ④ Mr President we are confident that under your wise leadership and experience we will find some solutions at this high level segment on these LDC issues.

For 15th Dec. 2004 OPENING PLENARY

Could you
make it for
8:30 a.m.
meeting
tomorrow?

CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT OF AFRICAN GROUP
AT COP 10

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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~~The Government of~~ Kenya on behalf of the African group would like to reiterate that global climate change is a serious problem. The African Continent is of late persistently affected by increases in floods and droughts. We have stressed on several fora our vulnerability to climate change and need for capacity building especially capacity to conduct vulnerability and adaptation assessments that generate reliable results for incorporation into national development planning processes.

~~← Applaud Prof. Wangari Maathai's noble peace~~

Mr. President,

As Parties we had agreed on actions to address the quality of data. This is an area where the Continent is in dire need. All our regions have developed their action plans under the Global Climate Observing Systems (GCOS) as required and we are still awaiting the implementation of these plans. While we have been constrained by our inability to put appropriate measures in place in order to respond to climate change requirements because of lack of human, institutional and financial resources, we have continued to play our role and meet our commitments under the convention.

At this COP¹⁰, we are celebrating two Milestones in the climate change process- the tenth anniversary of the Convention and the forth-coming entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol. Both milestones provide us with an excellent opportunity to ask ourselves several questions such as the next steps to be taken and how the equity of the effort can be improved. We are also celebrating

At this COP we would like to see decisions, particularly on the following issues:

the Award of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to my Deputy, the Hon. Prof. Wangari Maathai is a matter of celebration by Africa and indeed the whole fraternity of environmentalists.

- Funding for adaptation of developing countries to climate change
- Funding for capacity building for developing countries in the areas of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), impacts and vulnerability assessments, development of national CDM registries, quantification and handling of Greenhouse Gases information
- Operationalisation of the Special Climate Change Fund
- Enhancement of our research and systematic observation networks
- Funding for mitigation activities as elaborated in the national communications

I thank you.