

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY INTERVENTION:

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Good Morning, I am xxx speaking on behalf of business groups represented here.

This is an important opportunity to reflect the experiences of the first 20 years of international climate policy, and to tailor an approach that is current to today's economic and environmental circumstances and which can adjust to technological change, new scientific findings and continuing changes in societies.

We have been encouraged by first steps in the ADP towards the elements of a fully inclusive long-term agreement that recognizes different circumstances and priorities of countries.

Business needs long range predictability and stability to plan, invest and operate. We ask you to maintain a focus on strengthening enabling frameworks for innovation, and ensuring strong intellectual property right protection. The next generation agreement should encourage green economic growth through open trade and investment.

Shaping the longer term agreement to be balanced and implementation-oriented across mitigation, adaptation, finance and technology will require stronger engagement by business and industry. Business is ready to work with you to design effective and enhanced channels for business input and explore other options to broaden informal engagement that will mobilize business resources of expertise, technology and investment.

We look forward to working with governments for a Doha ADP outcome that strengthens implementation, accelerates technology innovation and dissemination and enables a more substantive dialogue and many partnerships with the business community.

Thank you.