



TANZANIA CIVIL SOCIETY POSITION PAPER TOWARDS THE UNFCCC COP23

Dar es Salaam, 27.10.2017 | We, Tanzania civil society, led by FORUMCC, Oxfam Tanzania, and CARE Tanzania, issue this paper of our demands towards the UNFCCC COP23 which will be held in Bonn-Germany from 6-17th November 2017.

Acknowledge continuous Parties' accession to the Paris Agreement whereby, as of today, 169 out of the 197 Parties to the Convention have ratified the Paris Agreement;

Call upon government of the United Republic of Tanzania and other African countries, that have not done so, to ratify the Paris Agreement and carefully set concrete and time-framed implementation plans;

Concerned about lack of focus and slow progress on the pre-2020 discussion which further delay implementation and fulfilment of commitments especially from developed country Parties;

Urge Parties to adhere to the UNFCCC principles, notably, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities; do away with continuous disparities; and work in a spirit of collegueship to reach urgently needed consensus and solutions.

We join hands and raise our voice on following key issues and demands:

1. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

We call upon Parties to agree on a clear and comprehensive scope of the NDCs. The scope shall be clear in its guidance on information, features and accounting modalities. Parties shall respect Article 3 of the Paris Agreement by avoiding its misinterpretation and not trying to re-negotiate the Agreement. The NDCs shall be comprehensive by including mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity building and transparency.

2. Mitigation and Temperature Goal of 1.5°C

We urge Parties to raise ambition and make great efforts for emission reduction beyond the current commitments. The UNFCCC Secretariat synthesis report indicates that the aggregate of the submitted INDCs will not fall even within the scope of least-cost 2°C scenarios by 2025 and 2030. Parties should use the established compliance mechanism and periodic global stocktake to enforce compliance as well as review, promote implementation and set improved and more ambitious emission reduction targets to reach the temperature goal of 1.5°C.

3. Adaptation and Finance

We further urge developed country Parties to fulfil their pre-2020 climate finance commitment and scale-up the post-2020 target. The target for climate finance mobilized should be beyond the existing floor of \$100 billion per year based on scale of implementation needs to achieve the 1.5°C temperature and global adaptation goals respectively. While we recognize the importance of the private sector in implementation of the Convention, developed country Parties need to remain responsible and lead actor when it comes to financing adaptation. COP23 should advance accounting modalities and methodologies to ensure a more rigorous accounting of both adaptation and mitigation finances provided and how it was used by recipients.

We reiterate our strong support for the Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement right away and be an integral part of the UNFCCC financial mechanism. To ensure its sustainability, we support the following proposed potential sources of finance¹ - Share of proceeds on international crediting and from international unit transfers and voluntary carbon market; Contributions from ICAO's CORSIA² scheme; Earmarking auctioning revenues from national and sub-national Emission Trading Schemes; and Earmarking revenues from carbon taxes.

4. Technology Development, Transfer and Access

We call upon African negotiators and leaders to compel developed country Parties to remove intellectual property rights in order to promote, facilitate and finance technology development, transfer and access to the developing country Parties. Parties should also ensure that resources are dedicated to enhance efforts and operationalisation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN). We further call upon our Tanzania and African governments to promote, support and invest in researches and innovations as well as improve infrastructure for development and easy access to affordable and reliable environmentally-friendly, low-carbon and energy efficiency technologies which incorporate locally innovated technologies.

We urge African negotiators to stand firm and speak in one voice during the conference for the interest of Africa, climate and mother earth.

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¹ *Innovative Financing for the Adaptation Fund: Pathways and Potentials* by NewClimate Institute and Germanwatch. (2017)

² ICAO CORSIA: International Civil Aviation Organisation - Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme