Statement on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)
By the Republic of Mali

Second stocktaking event: Ensuring coherence and assessing progress on the implementation of the work programme post-Paris
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The Republic of Mali has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group. The African Group associates itself with the statement made by Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and acknowledges the statement made by the Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries.

The African Group would like to thank you again for holding the stocktaking events. As highlighted by different Parties on the first stock-take, such events are important for building the political momentum and informing Parties' work.

As previously indicated, the Group believes the stocktaking events are useful for ensuring coherence among the Subsidiary Bodies, the Ad hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) and other operating entities.

On the APA,

Madam President, the African Group worked closely with the co-chairs for a balanced and comprehensive agenda. We would like to congratulate the APA co-chairs for their leadership and framing the discussions. We found the guiding questions very helpful and launched our work on the different agenda items. Madam president such format will facilitate the successful implementation of the Paris agreement, we need to structure and focus the APA work in Marrakesh to reach a clear road map on the agenda and milestones for the coming years.

On the SBI and SBSTA agenda items,

Madam President, the Group welcomes the progress made so far under the various agenda items of the SBI and SBSTA.

The African Group welcomes the launching of the work on SBI agenda items 5 and 6 on the development of modalities and procedure for the operation and use of a public registry. We welcome the draft conclusion on Agenda item 6 on continuing the work at SBI 45.

On SBI agenda item 11, scope and modalities for the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism in relation to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement, the African Group welcomes the draft conclusion by the SBI Chair on the scope of the periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 69.

On SBI agenda item 12, the Paris Capacity-building Committee could only launch its work of addressing gaps and needs, both on the current and emerging implementation of capacity needs, once the terms of the Capacity-building Committee agenda item 12 is concluded. Therefore, we urge you and all Parties to reach a decision on the Terms of Reference by COP 22.

On the SBSTA agenda items, the African Group welcomes the process made on all agenda items, and the launching of the new agenda items from the Paris Agreement including SBSTA agenda item 6(b) on advice on how the assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change can inform the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement, including taking into account the relevant work under the APA on the global stock-take.

Madame President,

The Group supports your proposal on capturing the outcome of the stocktaking events in a tool for building political momentum and tracking progress made in relation to all agenda items. The Group strongly believes this will compliment agenda item 8(c) of the APA. We also believe that the tool should clearly capture progress made on the implementation of the work programme and recommendations from Parties for advancing such issues to ensure coherence and to promote coordination among various bodies.

Finally, Madam President,

The African Group would like to express our appreciation to the COP Presidencies for holding this stocktaking event to ensure coherence and transparency.

Thank you very much, Madam President.