



**Intervention by the Climate Action Network – International
SBSTA 32 Bonn 31 May 2010**

Mr. Chair, the Climate Action Network – International would like to express both our congratulations to you on assuming the Chair of SBSTA and our thank in advance for the many hours and late nights you will no doubt spend discharging the responsibilities you have accepted. CAN's membership stand ready to support the work of SBSTA in every way that we can.

I would like to speak specifically to Agenda Item 5 on REDD+ and Agenda Item 9 on Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change.

Regarding REDD+, SBSTA's recommendations have been critical to Decisions 2/CP.13 and 4/CP.15. At this session, SBSTA will receive your report on implementation of 2/CP.13 and the Secretariat's report on the capacity building workshop requested by 4/CP.15. SBSTA is invited to respond appropriately.

CAN believes that the appropriate response is to promptly take up the request to SBSTA set out in Paragraph 4. in the LCA Chair's text as this reflects consensus reached at Copenhagen.

SBSTA should recognize that successful mitigation outcomes from REDD+ activities by developing countries supported by developed countries depends on using improved and appropriate methodological guidance on estimating emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from these activities.

It is timely to move on this now given the speed with which REDD negotiations have been moving and the launch of the REDD+ partnership for fast-start financing last week.

SBSTA should decide to provide further guidance on methodological issues in accordance with relevant decisions adopted by the COP at its fifteenth session. This work programme to determine appropriate application of methodologies and to fill gaps in existing methodologies will draw on published IPCC guidance and guidelines as well as the experience of Parties and Observers.

SBSTA should request the Chair to establish such a work programme, including expert workshops subject to forthcoming support by Parties, and to submit a preliminary report

on progress by the work programme to SBSTA 33 for its consideration and advice to COP16.

Regarding Agenda Item 9 on Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change, CAN is deeply concerned that the planet is on a fast track to experiencing dangerous climate change. The lack of mitigation ambition by the world's richest countries and the negative spiral this has created needs to be broken!

There is a gaping hole in the global carbon budget; a Gigatonne Gap. Unless this gap is closed, dangerous climate change cannot be avoided. Given the highly technical nature of the gap and the detailed consideration of potential mitigation options required to bridge it, SBSTA should convene a workshop on those options. The workshop findings should provide SBSTA with the basis for recommendations to COP16. The workshop should be open to experts, observers and media representatives.

The workshop agenda should include:

- technical briefings on the gap between aggregate mitigation pledges and the emission trajectory needed if global emissions are to peak well before 2020;
- analyses of existing loopholes and options for closing them; and,
- proposals for new, innovative avenues and sectors for emissions reductions.

The workshop should report to SBSTA 33 to enable SBSTA to make recommendations for consideration by COP16 and COP/CMP6.

Last, but not least, Mr. Chair, CAN International has the profoundest respect for the many scientists and technical experts sitting in this room today. We encourage you to draw them out from behind their Party placards from time to time and invite them to serve as Friends of the Chair. We are confident that they can help you to make a great deal of between now and Cancun.