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on

The role of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and topics for the workshop during SBI 48 that can enhance the implementation of ACE under the Paris Agreement

Education, Training, Awareness Raising, Public Participation, Access to Information, International Cooperation

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The African Group of Negotiators (herewith after AGN or African Group) welcomes the opportunity to provide its views on the role of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and topics for the workshop to enhance the implementation of ACE under the Paris Agreement, to be organized in May 2018 in Bonn during SBI 48. The African Group welcomes and appreciates the organization of the workshop to support the implementation of ACE under the Paris Agreement and expects concrete suggestions and recommendations for actions.

The African Group believes that all six elements of ACE are equally essential to support ambitious and effective climate actions, and that they should be incorporated in the implementation of other policy areas of the Convention. Parties have recognized the importance of ensuring that the Doha Work Programme enhances the implementation of all elements of Article 6, i.e. climate education, training, awareness raising, and public access to information, public participation and, as a crosscutting theme, international cooperation.

Therefore, the African Group believes that it is very important to continue to promote the systematic integration of gender-sensitive and participatory education, training and public access to information into all adaptation, loss and damage and mitigation activities implemented under the Convention, as well as under the Paris Agreement, including into the implementation of their nationally determined contributions and the formulation of long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (decision 17/CP22).

The African Group would like to have pragmatic discussions during the workshop on the following topics:

- How can Parties integrate ACE as they negotiate the modalities, guidelines and procedures under other relevant agenda items?
- How can all the six elements of ACE be integrated in the NDCs in order to strengthen climate adaptation, mitigation and loss and damage?

The African Group believes that financial support has been the fundamental barrier for implementing the Doha Work Programme. Therefore, the African Group encourages the Secretariat to invite the GEF, the GCF and other relevant financial institutions to provide further information, including through presentations during the workshop, in determining what they can fund, also identifying sustainable sources of funding for implementing ACE activities under the Paris Agreement.