

Thank you Mr Chairperson.

My name is Olubola, I am from Nigeria and am part of the Youth Caucus. This is my first time at the CSD, and I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to exchange ideas with all other stakeholders in this room. I am new to this process and I want to be clear on why we are here these 2 weeks. To my understanding, this policy session of CSD is meant to follow up on the obstacles and constraints that were identified last year, in terms of negotiated outcomes with agreed policy options.

If what I have described above is the case, we would consider the following outcomes as successful for CSD-15: That the outcome of this CSD will include, as a baseline, time-bound, measurable targets for energy efficiency, energy savings, energy access, and the share of renewable energy in the energy mix. We also wish to bring adaption to CC as a priority for action at this CSD, and an agreement on the integration of sustainable development into all formal education curricula.

We fear the danger of having an outcome which is one step back from the JPOI , but this will not happen if we HAVE the commitment and political will of all parties here.

The involvement of major groups will be critical to this success. As children and youth, we commit to be your partners in implementing the outcomes of CSD. As your partners we need your guidance, and we need your cooperation in working towards these measurable time-bound targets.

And for this common goal, this is what we can offer you:

Because youth are a large proportion of the world population, targeting youth for capacity building will greatly enhance efforts to reduce poverty and advance the achievement of the MDGs. In this way, we can be tools for outreach and education for sustainable development.

We must make agreements which have added value to the CSD process. We have ambitions, we have agreements, now let's work together for make them happen.

Thank you Mr Chairperson.