



NGO Statement by GFDD/FUNGLODE during 3rd session of the post-2015 Development Agenda Intergovernmental Negotiations: Goals and Targets

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Mr. Co-facilitator,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE).

As Dominican foundations, GFDD and FUNGLODE have firsthand experience of the impacts of climate change. The rise in CO2 concentration has acidified our oceans, creating a problem for the Caribbean region and making it harder for ocean organisms to generate shells and coral. Global climate change also affects the world economy, the production and purchasing capabilities of trading partners, the vitality of natural resources that the Dominican Republic shares with the world (such as migrating birds and whales) and the extent and spread of vector-borne and infectious diseases. Finally, climate change also affects the strength and occurrence of tropical hurricanes across the globe which, in addition to obvious risks to human life, continues to cause extensive global economic damage that affects all sectors of the economy.

GFDD and FUNGLODE welcome the importance that the co-chairs have attributed to the issue of climate change in these negotiation sessions and in Goal 13. This Third Session of the Open Post-2015 Development Agenda is an opportunity to build on the achievements of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG SDG) and the Report of the OWG SDG. Given the progress achieved to date we therefore strongly disagree with the proposal to reopen the Report and rearrange the 17 SDGs and 169 targets into themes that could diminish the importance of the SDGs including goal 13.

In line with this reasoning, we therefore also strongly contend that the means of implementation as identified under each goal form an integral part of the SDGs. These need to correspond to the ambition of each goal, so as to provide developing countries like the Dominican Republic, with the necessary mechanism for capacity building to address problems such as climate change. The indicators that are being developed by the Statistical Commission form part of this effort as they provide us with the tools for measuring the level of implementation of the SDGs. We believe that these indicators, like all means of implementation within this new global framework, should be subject for review at the global level. It would therefore go beyond the mandate of this commission to create national indicators, which have no place in an international development framework.

I thank you.