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Letter of Appreciation

I take great pleasure in writing this letter to acknowledge as well as commend the European Capacity Building Initiative (ECBI) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) for their programme on capacity building for LDC negotiators. Over the short span of its work, the initiative has established itself as a successful example of timely and practical solutions to match current and emerging needs of LDCs in combating climate change.

I would like to draw on my own experience in a few sentences to explain this.

Reflection on Fellowship in Oxford

I was awarded a Fellowship at Oxford University under 2005 ECBI Fellowship program. I had the opportunity to discuss on some key negotiating issues with other Fellows from different countries including large developing countries like China and Brazil and share viewpoints. This understanding has helped us to work together within G77 and China.

The European Seminar that happened at the later part of the program was also very much useful as developing country Fellows got the opportunity to discuss with lead negotiators from European Union in an informal setting on many issues, which keep us apart. We were able to understand each other's viewpoints and narrowed down our differences.

The discussion with policy makers during Country Visit gave us an insight of the policy and programs of those countries.

I certainly endorse that all these programs should continue.

Regional Workshops in Bangladesh and Nairobi

During 2006, two regional workshops, one in Dhaka and the next in Nairobi were organized to refresh as well as enhance further skills and capacity. I participated and was actively engaged in both occasions. I have noted how useful these interactions have been when I recall our collective performance in the negotiations over the past two years. I most certainly endorse that this effort should continue and enrich LDC negotiators



Adaptation Fund paper and negotiations

An important decision has been achieved in the Negotiations in Nairobi on the Adaptation Fund. In this respect, the collective position of the LDC in G77 Group played an instrumental role. The briefing paper developed by fellows and published from IIED-ECBI was accepted by LDCs and then by G77 and China as a basis for negotiations.

How ECBI might continue to support the LDC group to strengthen capacity for negotiations in future

I want to see ECBI continues its work program in all the areas it is doing now. Moreover, it may try to expand its program to be able to provide coordination support to LDCs during COP and SBs and in between, which is a felt need of LDCs.

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