

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE ON
BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING THE
11TH SESSION OF THE OWG ON SDG : NEW YORK : TH MAY 2014**

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Southern Africa Region namely; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia and my own Country Zimbabwe.

I wish to align this statement with the statements made by the Ambassadors of Bolivia and Lesotho on behalf of G77 and China and the Africa Group respectively.

Co-Chairs

The Southern Africa Group have the following comments and proposal on Focus areas 9 and 10.

**On FOCUS AREA 9, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND PROMOTION
OF EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS**

Co-Chair, in line with the LIMA declaration we propose that the goal be worded as follows, in line with UNIDO proposals:

“Accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development”.

In line with the above, the following targets are proposed.

**Target 1: Increase manufacturing value added (MVA) per
capita**

- Target 2:** Increase the share of MVA in Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Target 3:** Increase the number of decent manufacturing jobs
- Target 4:** Reduce gender gap in employment and wages
- Target 5:** Reduce by X% emissions from industrial production
- Target 6:** Reduce by Y% harmful chemical used and waste generated
- Target 7:** Reduce national energy intensity per unit of manufacturing output.

In terms of FOCUS AREA 10, SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN

SETTLEMENTS, we propose as follows:

Target (a) is too loaded, we propose it to be unpacked as follows;

- *By 2030 ensure access by all to decent and affordable housing*.
- Terms like “universal “ and “adequate” might have varied interpretation and therefore should be removed.
- We propose to add a new target:

“Eradicate homelessness”. This may be a better target than “eliminate slum like conditions everywhere”.

Target (b) could be decomposed into two as follows :

- i) **“by 2030, provide access to safe, affordable transport for all” and**
- ii) **“Reduce by x% road traffic accidents**

Target (c) good but not measurable.

Targets(d) and(e) supported.

Target (f) is an omnibus, a measurable target out of this could be:

- **“increase access to inclusive and safe public spaces by x% of urban dwellers.”**

Target (g) is supported

The relationship of target (h) “safeguarding the world’s cultural and national heritage” and the goal is not clear. Target should be dropped.

I thank you