

## **Durban Declaration**

Keeping in mind the challenges we face due to the effects of climate change and global warming, and the increasingly pressing need for food security and energy security for the peoples of the world, we the members of TWAS hereby resolve to:

- (a) increasingly utilize the applications of science, technology and innovation in a collective manner to address the above challenges, since it is science that can provide the key instrument for this purpose;
- (b) contribute our knowledge and skills to reduce and mitigate the effects of the above challenges in a sustainable manner that is in harmony with our developmental imperatives on one hand, and in the spirit of equity among the nations of the globe on the other;
- (c) call for the developing world to work together to promote science-based development in those countries that have yet to fully enjoy the benefits of scientific advances; and
- (d) urge the negotiators at the forthcoming World Climate Change Conference at Copenhagen to fully consider the impact of climate change on questions such as food, energy and water security that will be vital for the South's efforts to design strategies to adapt to, and to continue on the path of sustainable development.