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Report of the structured expert dialogue of the 2013–2015 review for 2013

Note by the co-facilitators of the structured expert dialogue

Summary

This report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the structured expert dialogue on the 2013–2015 review during the first 11 months of 2013. It contains organizational and procedural information, including information on selection of the co-facilitators and meetings held. The report highlights progress made in consideration of the input of the review, including of the contribution of Working Group I to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report. The report responds to the request made by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the co-facilitators of the structured expert dialogue to report to COP 19.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. In accordance with decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 87 (c), the co-facilitators of the structured expert dialogue (SED)¹ of the 2013–2015 review should report on work done under the SED to the nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP), through the subsidiary bodies.

B. Scope of the note

2. This report provides information on progress made in conducting the SED during the first 11 months of 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the reporting period) for consideration by COP 19. It contains organizational and procedural information, including information on selection of the co-facilitators of the SED and meetings held. The note highlights progress made during the reporting period in consideration of the input of the review, including of the contribution of Working Group I to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report (IPCC AR5 WG I).

C. Possible action by the subsidiary bodies

3. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and Subsidiary Body for Implementation may wish to consider this report, together with the outcomes of the second meeting of the SED which will be held during SBSTA 39 and SBI 39, in their general consideration of the progress of work under the 2013–2015 review.

II. Organizational and procedural matters

4. COP 18 decided that SED is to be facilitated by two co-facilitators, one from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) and one from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), who will be selected by each group, respectively.² Parties selected us to co-facilitate the work of the SED during SBSTA 38 and SBI 38.

5. The SED was convened twice during the reporting period. The first meeting of the SED was held during SBSTA 38 and SBI 38, on 5 June 2013 in Bonn, Germany. The second meeting of the SED (SED 2) will be held on 12 and 13 November 2013 in conjunction with SBSTA 39 and SBI 39, in Warsaw, Poland.

6. Both meetings of the SED were open to all Parties and observers. The proceedings of the first meeting were broadcast on the Internet, and social media were used to increase the participation of Parties and observers that were outside of the workshop venue. We intend to follow the same approach for SED 2.

¹ Mr. Andreas Fischlin and Mr. Zou Ji.

² Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 87 (b).

III. Work undertaken in the reporting period

7. In response to the mandates provided in decisions 2/CP.17 and 1/CP.18, the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI sent a joint message to Parties, on 11 March 2013, signalling the intention to organize an in-session workshop on the 2013–2015 review at SBSTA 38 and SBI 38, and inviting Parties to submit their views on the available information that should be considered at that workshop.³ The secretariat received six such submissions from Parties and two from non-governmental organizations (NGOs).⁴ On the basis of the mandate for the review and the aforementioned submissions from Parties, the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI provided an informal note that outlined the organization and goals of the workshop.⁵

8. The above-mentioned workshop contributed to increasing the understanding of existing scientific knowledge and exploring how it could be used to address the two themes of the review: (a) the adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention (theme 1); and (b) overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention (theme 2).⁶ Information on the workshop organized during the first meeting of the SED, including a summary report, the agenda for the workshop and copies of all presentations, is available on the SED web page.⁷

9. During the preparations for SED 2, we sent a message to Parties, on 26 September 2013, indicating our broad proposed approach to the meeting and our intention to provide them with an information note outlining that approach.⁴ In addition, we invited views on the further work of the SED. The secretariat received four submissions of views from Parties,⁸ which we took into account when preparing our approach for SED 2.

10. The goals of SED 2 are: to assess the adequacy of the long-term global goal to the extent possible, on the basis of the IPCC AR5 WG I; to assess the overall progress made so far towards achieving the long-term global goal, as well as the projected progress, including the likelihood of meeting and maintaining the goal; and to share lessons learned on the effectiveness of, and needs for, the support provided. Information on SED 2, including an information note outlining the approach for the meeting and the agenda for the meeting, is available on the SED web page.⁹

11. To achieve those goals, we intend to organize SED 2 as a fact-finding exchange of views between experts and Parties. The experts will present findings from the IPCC AR5 WGI and their relevance to the 2013–2015 review. After presentations have been made, a moderated discussion will address guiding questions and questions from all participants. To that end, we invited Parties to keep their interventions succinct and to ask the experts questions that pertain to the guiding questions. A summary report of SED 2 will be made available after the session.

12. During 2013, the SED addressed the two themes of the scope of the review in a balanced manner in terms of their consideration in parallel, the time allocated to them, the

³ <http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/message_to_parties_from_the_sbsta_and_sbi_chairs_2013_2015_review.pdf>.

⁴ <http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/message_to_parties_from_the_sbsta_and_sbi_chairs_2013_2015_review.pdf>.

⁵ <http://unfccc.int/files/methods_and_science/research_and_systematic_observation/application/pdf/informal_note_14_may_2013.pdf>.

⁶ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 79.

⁷ <http://unfccc.int/science/workstreams/the_2013-2015_review/items/7803.php>.

⁸ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/7590.php>>.

⁹ <http://unfccc.int/science/workstreams/the_2013-2015_review/items/7521.php>.

format of activities, and the experts and panellists invited from developed and developing countries.

13. We intend to hold, at the beginning of the second week of COP 19, informal consultations with Parties on the expected work during 2014. Further relevant information will be provided by the secretariat in due course.
