

Statement by the ES to SBI 41 on agenda item 18 (b)

Mr. Chairman,

In 2014, the support provided by Parties to this process has allowed us to continue implementing our mandates and the work programme for the biennium 2014-2015. I will be brief in highlighting some of the main points of interest.

Document SBI/2014/10 contains reports on income and expenditure under all trust funds administered by the secretariat, including a summary of the work carried out during the first six months of this biennium.

As in the previous biennium, providing both substantive and logistical support to the regular and additional sessions has required a significant part of our time and resources. To this end, four sessions have been organized and serviced this year, including three sessions in Bonn, Germany and the current session in Lima, Peru.

Furthermore, during the period from 1 January to 30 June 2014, the secretariat provided strategic guidance and logistical support to two high-level ministerial events under the Kyoto Protocol and the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, that were held on 5 and 6 June. A total of 15 meetings of 11 constituted bodies and 3 meetings of the Bureau of the COP and the CMP, were held during the reporting period.

A large number of outputs have been produced in substantive areas. Just to quote some by way of example:

- The secretariat launched the international assessment and review process for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (including the submission and consideration of their biennial reports) on 1 January 2014, and advanced the preparations for the launch of the international consultation and analysis process for Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (including the submission and consideration of their biennial update reports).
- The secretariat co-ordinated 16 in-country reviews and 2 centralized reviews (covering 10 Parties) of the information submitted by Annex I Parties.
- The secretariat supported the conduct of the first biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows.
- The secretariat's continued efforts to engage a wide range of stakeholders in supporting the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change resulted in an increased number of partner organizations and their pledged actions.

Parties on their part demonstrated their recognition of the services to be provided and contributed to the trust funds managed by the secretariat. In this connection, allow me to turn your attention to document SBI/2014/INF.23, which captures the status of contributions as at 15 November 2014.

Since 15 November four more member States have paid their contributions increasing the overall payment rate under the convention from 62% to 84% and from 68% to 69% under the Kyoto protocol. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Parties who made their contributions on time. Yet, 100 Parties to the Convention and

109 Parties to the Kyoto Protocol have outstanding contributions for one or more years and I hope that this document will serve as a reminder to the Parties which have not yet paid their contributions to do so as soon as possible, bearing in mind that indicative contributions are due by 1 January of each year. I would like to underline how crucial timely contributions are for smooth operations and delivery of the secretariat's work.

As at 30 November, a total amount of 13.4 million US dollars has been received under the trust fund for supplementary activities, and 1.6 million US dollars has been received under the participation trust fund. In the previous three sessions held this year, a total of 582 participants were provided with financial support. Here in Lima, we have been able to offer funding to two delegates from each eligible Party plus a third from LDCs and SIDS - a total of 361 participants.

Mr. Chairman, full implementation of decisions taken under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol to date as well as any decisions to be agreed upon here in Lima will require continued commitment by the Parties, including sufficient levels of funding under the Trust Fund for Supplementary activities.

There will be a number of new decisions coming out of the negotiations at this session that may call for more support by the secretariat and, therefore, require additional resources in the coming year. I have asked all officers responsible for supporting agenda items to ensure that all such resource requirements are clearly identified during the course of discussions so that decisions are taken recognizing the resources required up front.

In accordance with the rules of procedure, I will inform you, at the close of this session, of any developments which have administrative and budgetary implications.

Thank you.