

**Special Event with observers at the second part
of the second session of the ADP**

Saturday, 8 June 2013

1.15 to 2.45 p.m.

(Maritim: Salon Haydn)

INFORMATION NOTE

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Background and objective

Building on the successful experiences of the Special Event held in Doha¹ and the Special Event held in Bonn,² the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) will convene another special event with observers at the second part of the second session of the ADP in June.³ It is the intention of the Co-Chairs to follow-up on the April-May session special event through further engagement with observers. The exchange is expected to cover both workstreams currently being carried out under the ADP – workstream 1 on the 2015 agreement and workstream 2 on pre-2020 ambition.⁴

Time and venue

The event will be held on Saturday, 8 June 2013, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in (Salon Haydn). There will also be opportunity for virtual participation (see below).

Focus and questions

As noted by the Co-Chairs in the conclusion of their summary of the ADP Co-Chairs' special event in the second session,⁵ the special event is intended to provide observers with an opportunity to present concrete ideas and proposals of how non-State actors can further contribute to collective actions on climate change and how actions can be enhanced and promoted.

Building on what they heard from all constituencies in the previous two events, the Co-Chairs will seek concrete ideas and proposals from the participants on the two following two guiding questions:

- How could non-State actors further contribute to collective actions on climate change?
- How could the 2015 agreement promote and catalyze actions by non-State actors?

Noting that the first question is more relevant to pre-2020 ambition (workstream 2) and the second question is more relevant to the work by the ADP on the 2015 agreement (workstream 1), the Co-Chairs will ask the participants to address either one or both of these aspects of enhanced non-State actor involvement.

¹ For a summary see: ADP.2012.8.InformalSummary, available at <unfccc.int/7055>.

² For a summary see: ADP.2013.7.InformalSummary, available at <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/adp2/eng/7infsum.pdf>>.

³ The second part of the second session of the ADP will be held from 4 to 13 June, in Bonn Germany.

⁴ See FCCC/ADP/2012/3, paragraphs 28 and 30.

⁵ See ADP.2013.7.InformalSummary, paragraph 24, available at <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/adp2/eng/7infsum.pdf>>.

Format

The Special Event will open with welcoming remarks by the UNFCCC Executive Secretary.

Co-Chairs' introductory remarks will consider how observer input on the above focus questions is useful for the negotiations. The floor will then be open to all where constituencies will be invited to react to the questions. Participants are encouraged to engage in an open and free flowing debate, taking into account the discussions at previous special events as well as the exchanges at the ADP workshops and round tables preceding this event. Observers are expected to focus on concrete examples and initiatives that are complementing and incentivizing action at the local, national, and international level by non-State actors and how the 2015 agreement can enable and promote such actions and initiatives.

The exchange is envisaged as interactive, with participants reacting to points raised by others and to any follow-up questions and aspects that the Co-Chairs may pose or highlight, rather than repeating general positions or discussions. It thereby differs from a usual briefing where Co-Chairs provide answers to questions from the audience.

Parties and IGOs are equally welcome to attend and participate in the Special Event.⁶

Virtual participation

Virtual participation will be provided, including the use of social media (notably Twitter). Participants outside the conference venue will be able to both watch the event online via webcast and provide reactions, views or questions as input to the discussion. Further details will be provided on the UNFCCC website.

⁶ While they will not have a designated speaking slot at the beginning, Parties and IGOs are invited to comment and contribute to the discussion in the course of the Special Event, time permitting.