



## **SUBMISSION BY GREECE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES**

**This submission is supported by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.**

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**Subject: The 2013-2015 review:**

- Views from Parties on the future work of the SED, including the further use of different sources of information**
- Views from Parties on how the outcomes of the review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), as requested by decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 6.**

The European Union and its Member States welcome the opportunity to respond to the conclusions of the SBSTA and the SBI inviting Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 26 March 2014, their views on the future work of the SED, including the further use of different sources of information, and requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document.

It also welcomes the invitation to Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 26 March 2014, their views on how the outcomes of the review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), as requested by decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 6.

The EU's response to both invitations is provided below.

### **1. Future work of the SED**

The EU considers that the Structured Expert Dialogue provides an important forum for Parties to explore the adequacy of the long-term global goal and overall progress towards achieving it. It wishes to thank the experts who presented material at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Dialogue (SED2) for their informative and relevant contributions. The EU considers that there was a good balance between the themes of the SED at SED2. However, it considers that more opportunities should be given to the Parties to engage in the dialogue with Experts at future SED meetings. This engagement may be best carried out without differentiating parties in terms of their participation in the SED.



The scientific assessments of the IPCC have been and continue to be fundamental to the development of the multilateral climate regime under the UNFCCC, including agreement on the long term global goal. It is essential that the latest results from the IPCC AR5 are considered fully within the SED.

The EU also recognises that the work of the bodies under the UNFCCC, and other external international and regional bodies and the Parties themselves is also very relevant to understanding of the adequacy of the long-term goal and overall progress towards achieving it. In the limited time available to complete the Review process it will be necessary that the SED can have an effective dialogue with the IPCC and the other bodies that can inform the 2013-2015 Review.

The IPCC AR5 Working Group II and III reports will be available in good time for SBSTA 40. These are relevant to both themes of the Review and should both be considered fully at SED3. At least as much time should be dedicated to each of these reports as was provided for consideration of the WGI report. The IPCC AR5 Synthesis Report should be a key input to SED4 in December 2014.

The EU considers that it would be of value to seek relevant information from the Conventions on Biodiversity and Desertification and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). In addition the SED could be informed by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the World Bank, the International Energy Agency, UNEP and UNDP in relation to their understanding of the long term goal and progress towards it. Information from UNFCCC-related bodies such as the Standing Committee on Finance and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has already been presented material to the SED2.

The SED should also take into account relevant information that is available from Parties via National Communications, Biennial and Biennial Update Reports, in a balanced way. We would request that the Secretariat prepare an outline analysis of what information will be available from these report to the SED for its consideration, and by when.

The EU considers that the Parties will need adequate time to reflect on the material that will have been presented in the SED. The EU considers that Parties may wish to submit their views on what has been provided to them through the SED for consideration at the June 2015 Joint Contact Group (JCG) meeting. This would point to the final SED taking place well ahead of that meeting.



## **2. How the outcomes of the Review might inform the work of the ADP**

The EU considers that the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED) provides an important forum for Parties to explore the adequacy of the long-term global goal and overall progress towards achieving it and recognises that this is an important input to the work of the ADP.

The ongoing SED between the Parties and the experts provides an opportunity to clarify issues and challenges that we face collectively and as Parties. This process provides relevant information to Parties, which they can make use of in the on-going deliberations of the ADP. The material provided by the experts, the record of exchanges between Parties and the experts, as well as the written and oral reports from the co-Facilitators are also relevant inputs to the ADP.

The Joint Contact Group (JCG) of SBI and SBSTA will need to consider the outputs of the SED, give further guidance to the SED, and assist the COP in its mandate. The EU considers that Parties should provide submissions on these topics for consideration at its June 2015 meeting. In December 2015 the COP, with the assistance of the JCG, will need to consider the adequacy of the global goal and the overall progress towards achieving it as agreed in Cancun, Durban and Doha.