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INFORMATION NOTE

I am pleased to convey to Parties and observer organizations a message from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Christiana Figueres', with a small purple mark to the left of the name.

Christiana Figueres

Distribution: To Parties and observer States through national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.



Message from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) on the follow up work on technical examination process to unlock mitigation opportunities for raising pre-2020 ambition

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As reflected in decision 1/CP.19 of the Warsaw conference, Parties agreed to focus in 2014 on the implementation of actions aimed at achieving the highest possible level of mitigation ambition in the pre-2020 period. Opportunities for mitigation actions have already been identified and explored under the ADP in the course of 2012 and 2013. Parties and other stakeholders have now embarked upon turning these opportunities into reality by scaling up actions in areas of high mitigation potential in order to close the ambition gap in the pre-2020 period.

To this end, the ADP launched a process of technical examination of mitigation opportunities during the March session in 2014, as mandated. This process consists of regular in-session thematic technical expert meetings (TEMs) and focused in-depth inter-sessional work to be conducted throughout the year by Parties, international organizations and partnerships with a view to enabling more Parties to take transformational action on the ground in delivering higher mitigation ambition. Two TEMs on renewable energy and energy efficiency were organized during the March session of the ADP. As a result of the discussions at the meetings, participants came up with menus of policies, practices and technologies, and options for matching support. These menus can be found at http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/awg/application/pdf/tem_on_re_summary.pdf and http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/awg/application/pdf/tem_on_ee_summary.pdf.

The technical summary of the discussion at the TEMs has been captured in the third update of the technical paper by the secretariat on mitigation benefits of actions, policies and options to enhance mitigation ambition that will be published before June 2014. The technical paper will be available at the ADP website. The discussion at the coming TEMs to be held during the June and October sessions of the ADP will be reflected in the update of the technical paper that will be published before COP 20.

In order to facilitate the technical examination process, the secretariat is working closely with partner organisations on follow-up actions and has created dedicated webpages on the TEMs that took place in March on renewable energy (<http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/8112.php>) and energy efficiency (<http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/8113.php>). They contain all the information related to the TEMs, including contact details of lead organisations and partnerships, which are keen to assist Parties in undertaking ambitious actions in areas of renewable energy and energy efficiency. We will also provide a space for Parties, international organizations and partnerships during the June session to further engage with each other on renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities. We hope that you will utilize this excellent opportunity to partner with international organizations and turn your country's mitigation potential into reality and contribute towards enhancing the pre-2020 ambition.

During the upcoming session of the ADP, in conjunction with the fortieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, two TEMs on urban environment and on land use, as well as a Forum on cities and sub-national authorities will be organized.



The TEM on urban environment and the Forum on cities and sub-national authorities will be organized in a complementary manner and will both take place on 10 June 2014. The Forum will allow for the showcasing of specific initiatives, good practices and policy options and focus in more detail on the role of planning in creating an enabling environment for action, while the TEM on urban environment will focus on the ways to support, finance and scale up the feasible policy options to ensure sustainable urban development. Information on these events, including their programmes, can be found at <https://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/8170.php> (TEM on urban environment) and <https://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/8169.php> (Forum on Cities and Subnational authorities).

The TEM on land use will be held on 11 June 2014. At this TEM, participants will have the opportunity to discuss good practice mitigation policies related to land use and share their experiences on successful implementation of land use actions with climate benefits. The TEM will also explore opportunities for mobilizing finance, technology and capacity-building in efforts to scale up such actions. Additional information on the TEM on land use, including the programme, is available at <https://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/8171.php>.

Lastly, we introduced a virtual expo in March, through which Parties and observer organizations were provided with an opportunity to showcase their efforts. We would like to encourage Parties and international organizations to avail of the opportunities to showcase your efforts in areas of upcoming technical expert meetings. The application procedure for the ADP Virtual expo is described here: https://seors.unfccc.int/seors?session_id=ADP2.5VE.

Further information on the upcoming June session of the ADP is available on the UNFCCC website.¹ For any questions, please contact the secretariat at: adp@unfccc.int.

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¹ <<http://unfccc.int/8133.php>>