



NEW ZEALAND

Submission to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice

Further information and views on the implications referred to in paragraph 1 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2013.L17, and in particular on the draft changes to the common reporting format tables required for the reporting of land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period, taking into consideration the forthcoming work of the IPCC on the 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol(FCCC/SBSTA/2013/L.17 paragraph 5 (a)).

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Introduction

1. This submission responds to the SBSTA 38 invitation to Parties to submit to the secretariat further information and views on the implications referred to in paragraph 1 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2013.L17, and in particular on the draft changes to the common reporting format tables required for the reporting of land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol (KP-LULUCF CRF) for the second commitment period, taking into consideration the forthcoming work of the IPCC on the 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/SBSTA/2013/L.17 paragraph 5 (a)).

2. We note the SBSTA has requested the secretariat to make these submissions available on the UNFCCC website and compile them into a miscellaneous document before the technical workshop scheduled to happen before the thirty-ninth session of SBSTA this year.

Context

3. New Zealand welcomes the progress Parties made at SBSTA 38 on identifying and addressing the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on previous CMP decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.

4. This submission presents New Zealand's views on the changes required to be made to the KP-LULUCF CRF tables to accommodate new reporting requirements for the 2013 reporting year onwards. New Zealand looks forward to progressing discussion of these tables at the upcoming technical workshop to be held in Bonn from 21-23 October this year. We reiterate our view that the KP-LULUCF CRF tables must be agreed this year to enable Parties to report for

the period 2013 onwards, beginning in April 2015. We support the prioritisation given to discussion of the KP-LULUCF CRF tables at the upcoming October technical workshop.

5. We note that at its 38th meeting the SBSTA also agreed that the upcoming workshop should also address the remaining implications referred to in paragraph 4 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2013.L17. New Zealand looks forward to progressing discussion on these matters, with a view to further consideration and draft decisions being prepared at SBSTA 39 for adoption at CMP9.

KP-LULUCF CRF tables

6. In general, the draft reporting tables included in the final draft of the *IPCC 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol* (KP Supplement) have identified many aspects of the possible new KP-LULUCF reporting requirements. However, in some instances, the tables are not clear regarding requirements, do not allow for transparent reporting against the new CP2 requirements, or a requirement may have been misinterpreted in the process of drafting the tables. In other instances, elements of the current KP-LULUCF tables which need to be retained in the second commitment period have been omitted.

7. For these reasons, and in order to provide meaningful feedback, we have prepared and submit to the SBSTA a full set of draft KP-LULUCF tables, in excel format, based on the current CRF tables for CP1 and extended sufficiently to provide for all reporting requirements under the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period. These tables are appended to this submission.

8. We note that these tables have been prepared and submitted prior to the Thirty-Seventh Session of the IPCC (IPCC-37) scheduled to take place in Georgia from 14 to 18 October 2013. Any implications from decisions taken by the IPCC-37 have therefore not been considered in this submission.

Other issues

9. In paragraph 4 of FCCC/SBSTA/2013.L17, the SBSTA noted that considerable progress would need to be made on the issues mentioned in paragraph 3, in order to finalise this work for consideration at CMP 9.

10. The issues identified in the above-mentioned paragraph are:

- a) The updating of relevant references to the calculation of assigned amount and to the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, where necessary;
- b) Implementation modalities for decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7 and decision 1/CMP.8 in relation the standard electronic format (SEF) tables;
- c) The clarification of reporting requirements for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention without a quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment for the second commitment period.

11. New Zealand welcomes the progress made on these issues at the 38th meeting of the SBSTA in June. We note however that there is substantial progress yet to be made before the SBSTA can, at its 39th session in Warsaw in November, prepare draft decisions on these issues for adoption at CMP 9. We welcome in particular further discussion aimed at providing clarity on reporting requirements for all Parties under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

Conclusion

12. New Zealand looks forward to continuing to engage on these important issues with other Parties at the technical workshop in October and at the thirty-ninth session of SBSTA in November 2013.

Appendix –Draft KP-LULUCF CRF tables