



## **Response to Joint Message: Advancing the Work of the ADP**

Dear Messrs Mauskar and Dovland,

Thank you for your letter of 24 September 2012 inviting input on the structure of work for the ADP.

We would like to commend you for your able leadership to date. In our view the discussions in Bangkok offered a useful and constructive, albeit preliminary, forum for sharing perspectives among Parties. We look forward to your guidance in the coming year's discussions.

In this letter we provide some preliminary perspectives on the questions you raise.

### **Aims and outcomes**

Consistent with the Decisions of the COP in Durban the aims of the ADP should be:

- Agreement of a new climate agreement with legal force and applicable to all no later than 2015.
- Definition and support for further actions to increase ambition before 2020.

It is important that both work streams be driven by intermediate milestones that ensure progress. During 2013, we see these milestones being:

- Agreement of a detailed organization of work for both work streams.
- Additional proposed national and international actions from Parties on mitigation and finance.

### **How the work should be organized in Doha**

The discussions under the ADP in 2012 mark the start of a three year process to shape a new climate architecture. In our view the constructive, open-ended format of the discussions at the inter-sessional meetings in Bangkok in September 2012 was helpful as allowing a "creative phase" to our deliberations. This creative phase is valuable and deserves room to develop.

Accordingly, the UAE would like to see the ADP conduct its business in a way that will allow this creative phase to continue without distracting debates about organization of work.

We therefore support the continuation of the ADP's work in Doha under the two work streams launched this year, on the post-2020 legal agreement and increasing pre-2020 ambition.



It would also be useful to suspend the ADP discussions at the end of COP18 and resume them in 2013, rather than closing the ADP.

### **Work plan for 2013**

During 2013 we need to gradually introduce more structure into our deliberations.

In the early part of 2013 we suggest a call for submissions from Parties on the structure of the agenda for the year. An inter-sessional meeting in March/April may also be warranted to agree the agenda and enable the Bonn SB meetings to proceed on substantive issues.

From the Bonn meetings in June 2013 we will look to our co-chairs to help focus our work, including setting up sub-groups where useful.

### **Topics and questions to focus future discussions**

As stated above, we support the current open format for sharing view among Parties, and would not want to see the discussion move too quickly to a detailed structure.

For the 2015 agreement, we can begin from the useful sets of questions you posed to guide deliberations in Bangkok. While we are open minded on questions of structure the priorities we propose the following principles:

- Mitigation and adaptation must be included in a balanced manner.
- Mitigation must be considered in a manner applicable to all and taking into account national circumstances consistent with the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities.
- Both mitigation and adaptation must include a full consideration of means of implementation, including finance, technology and capacity building.

The UAE remains committed to moving forward towards an inclusive agreement that allows countries to contribute towards mitigation effort in accordance with their national circumstances.

We thank you once again for you leadership so far and look forward to the discussions under the ADP being carried out in an open and inclusive manner.