

**Special Event with observers at the third part  
of the second session of the ADP  
Tuesday, 19 November 2013  
17.00 — 18.30**

Venue: Meeting room 27

**INFORMATION NOTE**

*16 November 2013*

**Background**

In the light of the successful experiences of the Special Event held in Doha<sup>1</sup> and those held in Bonn<sup>2</sup> in the first part of 2013, the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger (European Union), decided to convene another special event with observers in Warsaw. As in the past, the Co-Chairs hope for the active engagement of all observers in this exchange, and look forward to hearing their concrete ideas on the two workstreams (relating to the 2015 agreement and to pre-2020 ambition) currently being discussed under the ADP.

**Focus and questions**

As noted in their scenario note,<sup>3</sup> the Co-Chairs believe that Parties are ready to move on from developing an understanding of concepts to defining the content of the 2015 agreement by starting focused work on the elements of that agreement. They also aim at reaching clarity on the outcome(s) of the work on closing the pre-2020 ambition gap.

In this context, interest about the role of non-State actors is growing in view of their dynamic impact in climate action and their numerous collaborative initiatives on the ground.

Considering the overall contribution of non-State actors to this collective action on climate change at all levels (local, regional, national and international), it is essential for the ADP to gather clear ideas from non-governmental Organizations and Intergovernmental Organizations on the roles that non-State actors could play in catalyzing action to enhance pre-2020 ambition effectively and in implementing the 2015 agreement.

The Co-Chairs will be hoping for an active dialogue with the participants. To help them shape their presentations and suggestions, the Co-Chairs would be most interested in answers to the following two questions:

- How could the 2015 agreement foster enhanced collaboration between non-State actors and governments?
- What role can the UNFCCC play in recognizing and strengthening initiatives and actions of non-State actors?

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<sup>1</sup> For a summary see: ADP.2012.8.InformalSummary, available at <[unfccc.int/7055](http://unfccc.int/7055)>.

<sup>2</sup> For a summary see: ADP.2013.7.InformalSummary, available at <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/adp2/eng/7infsum.pdf>> and ADP.2013.15. InformalSummary, available at <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/adp2/eng/15infsum.pdf>>.

<sup>3</sup> See ADP.2013.16.InformalNote, paragraph 7, available at <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/adp2/eng/16infnot.pdf>>

**Format**

The Co-Chairs will welcome all Participants to this Special Event and invite remarks by Mr. Halldór Thorgeirsson, Director for Implementation Strategy of the UNFCCC secretariat, on the growing recognition of the role that non-State actors can play in raising the pre-2020 ambition. The Co-Chairs will then provide a brief recap of the current status of work of the ADP before opening the floor to NGOs and IGOs to react to the above questions.

The interaction expected at the event will contribute to inform and enrich the ADP process with regards to the variety of collaborative actions that are undertaken on the ground and brought into light in this forum.

The experience of NGOs and IGOs in implementing these initiatives is valuable to the ADP, both in terms of presenting model successes and lessons learnt from challenges met in the course of action. Therefore, Parties are equally welcome and encouraged to attend this Special Event. It is hoped that although they will not have a designated speaking slot, time will allow the Co-Chairs to invite them for comments and reactions to further deepen the conversation, to promote collaboration between all actors, and to make the best of the creativity of all involved.

**Time and venue**

The event will be held on Tuesday, 19 November 2013, from 17.00 to 18.30 at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland, in press conference room 2.

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