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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Message from the co-chairs of the COP work programme on REDD-plus finance in 2013

On 25 March 2013, H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its eighth session, informed Parties of the appointment of Ms. Christina Voigt (Norway) and Mr. Agus P. Sari (Indonesia) as co-chairs of the work programme on REDD-plus finance in 2013.

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a message from the newly appointed co-chairs of the work programme on REDD-plus finance, contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by Halldor Thorgeirsson for)

Christiana Figueres



Annex

Message from the co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for REDD-plus

Dear colleagues,

The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its eighteenth session, decided to undertake a work programme on results-based finance in 2013, including two in-session workshops, in order to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (REDD-plus activities).

As the co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for REDD-plus activities, we have been requested by the COP to prepare a report on the workshops to be considered by the COP at its nineteenth session. In this context, we feel confident that, through working together with Parties in an open and inclusive manner, the work programme on results-based finance will deliver on its aim of contributing to the ongoing efforts to scale up and improve the effectiveness of finance for REDD-plus activities.

As a first step, we would like to hear the views and suggestions of Parties and relevant stakeholders on how to progress the work and the activities of this work programme. Ms. Christina Voigt will be available upon request on the **afternoon of 1 May, Wednesday (between 1300–1700h) and on the morning of May 2, Thursday (between 0900–1200h)** on the margins of the forthcoming second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP2) in Bonn, Germany, for **informal meetings with any Party and/or regional groups of Parties** to gather views and suggestions.

Given the short time line and to ensure that all interested Parties have the opportunity to share their views with us, we have prepared some questions to facilitate the exchange of views and discussion between us. Your views and inputs will help us prepare for the first in-session workshop on the matter (tentatively planned to be held in conjunction with the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies). Please refer to the attachment to our message.

If you are unable to meet with Ms. Voigt on 1 and 2 May, we also welcome your views and comments on the way forward by e-mail (Ms. Christina Voigt, christina.voigt@jus.uio.no and Mr. Agus Sari, agus.sari@santalaya.com). As an alternative, with the support of the secretariat, we could also arrange for a teleconference with interested Parties, taking into account the time zones of our locations.

Please let us know your preferred option for meeting with us. The secretariat will be helping us to schedule and arrange the bilaterals, therefore, please copy the secretariat in your responses to us (Ms. Jenny Wong, jwong@unfccc.int and Mr. Dirk Nemitz, dnemitz@unfccc.int).



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We also intend to hold informal meetings with Parties and relevant stakeholders on the margins of the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) that will be held from 3–14 June 2013 in Bonn, Germany. We will provide you with more information on the date, time and venue in due course.

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Ms. Christina Voigt
Co-chair of the work programme on
results-based finance for REDD-plus

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Agus P Sari'.

Mr. Agus P Sari
Co-chair of the work programme on
results-based finance for REDD-plus



Attachment to the co-chairs' message

The co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for REDD-plus are particularly interested in receiving inputs from Parties on the following:

(a) What are the expected products and outcome of the work programme at COP19?

In particular:

- What guidance should be provided through the COP in relation to scaling up and improving effectiveness of finance for REDD-plus activities?
- What are the key elements that could be considered in developing guidance on this matter? (e.g. specific conditions/ enabling environments for scaling up and coordinating finance and for increasing its effectiveness; options to incentivize non-carbon benefits; barriers and challenges that need to be addressed)
- What are the critical issues and options that will need to be addressed by the work programme, taking into account the matters identified in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 29?
- In addition to the two in-session workshops, which other activities, if any, could facilitate advancing the consideration of the key issues to be addressed by the work programme?

(b) How will the activities and information from relevant sources and from other processes under the Convention and from fast-start finance facilitate addressing those issues and reaching our goal at COP19?

In particular:

- What lessons can be learned from other processes under the Convention and fast-start finance that could facilitate addressing the key issues identified under (a) above?
- How can the consideration of issues under this work programme complement on-going efforts of these other processes, without duplication of efforts?
- How can the work programme draw upon other relevant sources of information to meet its aim?