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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

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

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a message by the co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by Richard Kinley for)

Christiana Figueres



Annex

Message by the co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

Dear colleagues,

Following our previous message to you dated 19 April 2013, we held consultations with interested Parties during the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Actions (ADP2.1) and over teleconferences, with the aim of gaining a better understanding of Parties' views on the issues to be addressed by the work programme in an open and transparent manner.

Parties shared their views on expectations of the outcomes of the work programme and identified several issues that will need to be addressed in order to advance the work on results-based finance for REDD-plus. They also identified some key elements and themes requiring further elaboration that could be explored during the first in-session workshop of the work programme. We would like to thank those that have shared views on how the work programme could advance the consideration of results-based finance for REDD-plus during the coming months.

Based on our initial consultations with Parties over the last several weeks, we would like to provide information on our next steps, particularly on our conceptualization of the key areas of discussion at the first in-session workshop.

The first in-session workshop will be held on **Monday, 10 June 2013**, at the Maritim Hotel Bonn in conjunction with the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Convention and the second session of the ADP (ADP2.2). A half day workshop in the afternoon is being planned.

With this message, we attach an information note on the first in-session workshop. Information on the workshop can also be found on the web page for the work programme at http://unfccc.int/methods/redd/redd_finance/items/7376.php. The agenda of the workshop will be posted on this web page in due course before the workshop.



We also intend to hold **an informal consultation meeting** during the forthcoming sessions to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 14 June 2013, to gather views from Parties based on the questions we raised in our first message to you, namely your expectations on the outcomes of the work programme and views on lessons that could be learned from other processes under the Convention and any other activities that could facilitate the advancing of the work under this work programme. The informal consultation meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

- **Saturday, 8 June at 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.**

Following this informal meeting with Parties, we are also planning to have an informal meeting with observer organizations to ensure that the work programme is conducted in an open and inclusive manner. This **informal meeting with the observers** is tentatively scheduled for the **same evening at 7:45 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.**

For the events above, please also refer to current announcements in the daily programme and CCTV screens at the Maritim for the confirmed date, time and venue of the events.

In addition, we will be available in the course of the second week (10–14 June) for informal meetings with any Party or regional groups of Parties on the margins of the sessions upon request.

We look forward to your participation in the work programme.

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

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



INFORMATION NOTE

First in-session workshop on results-based finance for the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

**10 June 2013, 1500h – 1800h
Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany**

This note provides information on the approach to work at the first in-session workshop of the Conference of the Parties (COP) work programme on results-based finance.

Mandate

The COP, in its decision 1/CP.18, decided to undertake a work programme on results-based finance in 2013, including two in-session workshops, to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70. It decided that the aim of the work programme is to contribute to the ongoing efforts to scale up and improve the effectiveness of finance for the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (hereinafter referred to as REDD-plus), taking into account decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 66 and 67.

The work programme will address options to achieve this objective, taking into account a wide variety of sources as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 65, including:

- a) Ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions;
- b) Ways to incentivize non-carbon benefits;
- c) Ways to improve the coordination of results-based finance.

The COP requested the co-chairs, assisted by the secretariat, to support the workshops and to prepare a report on the workshops for the consideration of the COP at its nineteenth session, with a view to the COP adopting a decision on this matter.

Objectives of the workshop

The focus of the first workshop will be on issues relating to ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions. Parties will have an opportunity to discuss issues and explore options for transparent transfer of payments for results-based actions and for improving the effectiveness of finance for REDD-plus activities.

The other two issues to be addressed by the work programme will be considered at the second workshop after the Subsidiary Bodies have initiated consideration of these two issues at their thirty-eighth sessions.

The workshop is expected to allow Parties:

- a) To discuss in-depth the issues, key elements and challenges relating to financing for REDD-plus, in particular in relation to results-based financing for the full implementation of results-based REDD-plus actions and activities;
- b) To have an interactive exchange of views and to share ideas, experiences and lessons learned on the relevant issues relating to financing for the full implementation of REDD-plus actions.



The outcomes of the workshop are expected to facilitate and advance the consideration of issues being considered in the work programme on results-based finance for REDD-plus.

Organization of work

The main approach of the workshop will be organized around panel and plenary discussions. To help structure and guide the in-depth plenary discussions, the co-chairs have drafted a set of specific questions, taking into account the views expressed by Parties during their initial consultations.

After a brief opening, the co-chairs will provide a summary of the key issues and conclusions from the workshop on “Financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to REDD-plus, including modalities and procedures for financing these results-based actions” held last August during the informal additional session of the Ad Hoc Working Groups in Bangkok, Thailand.

Following this, the co-chairs will invite five panelists to speak for approximately 5-10 minutes each in response to a specific question posed by the co-chairs. Panel members will consist of representatives of countries implementing REDD-plus actions and countries that contribute financial and technical resources to the implementation of REDD-plus actions. The panelists will share experiences and lessons learned in their own countries and how they are addressing the issues raised in the set of specific questions.

Both the introductory presentation and the panel discussions will set the scene for the discussions to follow.

After the panel discussions, the co-chairs will open the floor for participants to share their experiences, lessons learned and issues faced in relation to transfer of payments and results-based financing. Participants are encouraged to engage in interactive discussions and share their views around the set of specific questions.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the co-chairs will present a summary of the key points raised at the workshop.

An agenda will be made available on the UNFCCC website before the workshop.

The workshop is open to all Parties and admitted observer organizations at the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies in Bonn. The working language of the workshop will be English.



Specific questions posed by the co-chairs

- What are the unique features of financing for REDD-plus as compared to financing for other mitigation options in other sectors? What are some common elements that define results-based payments?
- What are the challenges or barriers that countries are facing, for example, on governance, in their access to and/or receipt of results-based payments for REDD-plus? Do these challenges vary for different REDD-plus activities? How can we potentially address these challenges/barriers in order to ensure more transparent and effective transfer of results-based payments?
- How can bilateral and multilateral initiatives address some of the barriers that developing countries are facing to facilitate their access to and disbursement of results-based financing?
- What are the requirements for scaling up and ensuring predictable financing and investments? What should developing countries have in place to facilitate their access to and disbursement of results-based payments?
- What are potential ways and means to ensure the link between results-based payments and addressing and respecting safeguards, addressing drivers of deforestation and the reduction of risks? Are there existing best practices that promote effective transfer of payments for results-based actions?