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## **MESSAGE TO PARTIES**

### **Message by the Co-Chairs of the work programme on long-term finance**

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a message by the Co-Chairs of the work programme on long-term finance, contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States through national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.



Annex

**Message by the Co-Chairs of the work programme on long-term finance**

Dear colleagues,

The Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth session, decided to undertake a work programme on long-term finance in 2012, including workshops, in order to make progress on long-term finance in the context of decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 97–101.

Based on the input received during the consultations we conducted with Parties and stakeholders during the thirty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies in Bonn, Germany, in May 2012, the first workshop on long-term finance was held from 9 to 11 July in Bonn. The workshop was characterized by in-depth discussions on key aspects pertaining to long-term finance, benefiting from technical and analytic inputs from a plethora of experts. A wide range of stakeholders were able to participate in the workshop, including from the public and private finance sectors, think tanks, civil society and academia. The workshop also made use of various social media and webcast tools aimed at promoting as much transparency, openness and inclusiveness as possible through the engagement of people not physically present during the workshop.

The overall goal of the workshop was to enhance the collective understanding of options to mobilize climate finance from a variety of sources, as well as the climate-related financing needs of developing countries. The agenda of the first workshop therefore covered the following areas:

- (a) Climate-related finance needs of developing countries;
- (b) Potential sources of climate finance, including public, private, bilateral, multilateral and alternative sources;
- (c) Options for mobilizing climate finance;
- (d) Lessons learned from fast-start finance.

We again want to express our gratitude to the moderators, presenters, discussion leaders and panellists of this workshop for their active contributions. The insights gained from the many inputs received and the exchanges of views will be highly valuable in the context of the work programme on long-term finance. At the same time, the first workshop highlighted the considerable amount of work needed to be done in the coming months to address information gaps and to identify options for financing climate actions.

With this note we would like to provide information on the next steps, based on the input we received during the workshop as well as the information we are continuously receiving through the web page<sup>1</sup> of the work programme on long-term finance.

**Workshop:** As announced, we will hold the second workshop from 1 to 3 October in Cape Town, South Africa. We see both workshops as a continuous exercise within the larger context of the

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<sup>1</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/cooperation\\_support/financial\\_mechanism/long-term\\_finance/items/6814.php](http://unfccc.int/cooperation_support/financial_mechanism/long-term_finance/items/6814.php)>.



work programme and would therefore encourage participants of the first workshop to also actively take part in the second workshop, webinars and e-forum.

Invitation letters will be sent to the regional coordinators soon to nominate a limited number of funded developing country experts to participate in the workshop. A general invitation will be sent out to non-funded Parties and observers soon thereafter. An agenda for the second workshop will be posted on the web page, together with a background information note and the accompanying logistical information.

**Webinars (web-based seminars):** Two webinars will be held between the first and second workshops, which will serve as a bridging communication tool. Relevant information about the webinars will be posted shortly on the web page of the work programme.

**E-forum:** The announced e-forum will be available over the coming weeks; a message with instructions will be posted on the web page of the work programme.

**Information event:** We will organize an information event during the informal sessions of the ad hoc working groups held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 30 August to 5 September.

We again want to encourage you to make active use of the various online tools, including the “Connect to the Co-Chairs” facility,<sup>2</sup> the Resource Library<sup>3</sup> and the Facebook page of the work programme and the workshops on long-term finance,<sup>4</sup> in order to actively participate in the shaping of the work programme on long-term finance.

Further updated information can be found on the web page of the work programme.

We look forward to your continuous participation in the work programme.

Signed:

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2 <[http://unfccc.int/cooperation\\_support/financial\\_mechanism/long-term\\_finance/contactchairs/index.html](http://unfccc.int/cooperation_support/financial_mechanism/long-term_finance/contactchairs/index.html)>.

3 <[http://unfccc.int/cooperation\\_support/financial\\_mechanism/long-term\\_finance/items/6972.php](http://unfccc.int/cooperation_support/financial_mechanism/long-term_finance/items/6972.php)>.

4 <[https://www.facebook.com/update\\_security\\_info.php?wizard=1#!/events/403420139704081/409096482469780/?notif\\_t=plan\\_mall\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/update_security_info.php?wizard=1#!/events/403420139704081/409096482469780/?notif_t=plan_mall_activity)>.