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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Message to Parties from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The 2013-2015 review

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a joint message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Mr. Richard Muyungi, and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, regarding the 2013-2015 review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal and the overall progress made towards achieving it. The message is contained in the annex to this note.

The Chairs of the subsidiary bodies will be informed of all views submitted to the secretariat in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

Christiana Figueres

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

**Joint message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and
the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

The 2013-2015 review

**Invitation for submissions of views and
reminder to select co-facilitators**

7 March, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing, with the support of the President of COP18/CMP8, to take the steps necessary for starting the review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal¹ and overall progress made towards achieving it (hereafter, the 2013-2015 review).²

In this context, Parties may recall that at COP 18, we were requested to organize the 2013-2015 review in a flexible and appropriate manner in line with decision 2/CP.17, so as to allow for adequate and timely consideration of the inputs to the 2013-2015 review as they become available.³ In Doha we were also requested to take the steps necessary in 2013, with the support of the secretariat, for the subsidiary bodies to start the consideration of inputs without delay at their thirty-eight sessions⁴ and the subsidiary bodies were invited, beginning in 2013 and with the assistance of the secretariat, to gather and compile information relevant for conducting the 2013-2015 review.⁵

In response to these mandates, we intend to organize an in-session workshop at the next session of the subsidiary bodies in Bonn.⁶ To prepare this workshop, we invite you to submit views with regard to what available information should be considered at the workshop.⁷ Based on your views, we will prepare an information note outlining our approach for the workshop.

Please send your inputs, no later than 1 April 2013, to the secretariat at <secretariat@unfccc.int>.

The COP in Doha further decided to establish a structured expert dialogue, under the guidance of the subsidiary bodies, to ensure the scientific integrity of the 2013-2015 review.⁸ This dialogue is to be facilitated by two co-facilitators, one from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I) and one from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I), who will be selected by each group, respectively.⁹

¹ The long-term global goal is elaborated in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 4.

² The scope of the review was defined in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 138, and was further defined in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 79.

³ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 90.

⁴ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 81.

⁵ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 83.

⁶ The next session of the SBSTA and SBI will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 3–14 June 2013.

⁷ Bearing in mind that the 2013-2015 review should take into account, inter alia, the elements agreed in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 139, and decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 160 and be based on information from various sources, as outlined in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161.

⁸ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 85 and 86.

⁹ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 87 (b).



We encourage Parties to consult, within the above mentioned two groups, on the selection of the co-facilitators and to communicate the results of the selection, at the earliest convenience. In order to facilitate the selection process, both of us will personally contact the chairs of regional groups to discuss the expeditious selection of the co-facilitators from Annex I and non-Annex I, so the dialogue can start its work immediately at the beginning of the SB38. In light of the aim of the dialogue to ensure the scientific integrity of the 2013-2015 review, individuals nominated should have the necessary experience and skills, notably in the area of climate change and in translating scientific knowledge into policy.

The COP further invited the SBSTA and SBI to establish a joint contact group to assist the COP in conducting the 2013-2015 review.¹⁰ The co-chairs for this contact group will be proposed at the opening plenaries of the SBSTA and of the SBI.

Finally, given the fact that the findings of the fifth assessment report of the IPCC will play a key role in informing the 2013-2015 review, we intend to work very closely with the IPCC to ensure strengthened collaboration and adequate preparations for the consideration of these findings in the 2013-2015 review.

Thanking you in advance for your valuable inputs,

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

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and Technological Advice

Signed by

Tomasz Chruszczow
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for
Implementation

¹⁰ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 80.