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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Message to Parties from the Co-facilitators of the Structured Expert Dialogue on the 2013-2015 review

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a joint message from the Co-facilitators of the Structured Expert Dialogue on the 2013-2015 review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal and the overall progress made towards achieving it, Mr. Andreas Fischin and Mr. Zou Ji. The message, regarding the preparation of the next meeting of the dialogue, is contained in the annex to this note.

The Co-facilitators will be informed of all views submitted by Parties to the secretariat in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by Richard Kinley for)

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.
Copy: To the Coordinators of Western European and Other States and the Chair of Group of 77 and China.



Annex

**Message from the Co-facilitators of the Structured Expert Dialogue
on the 2013-2015 review**

Preparation of the second meeting of the structured expert dialogue

26 September, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honour that Parties entrusted us to co-facilitate the structured expert dialogue (SED) on the 2013-2015 review and we are looking forward to serving the process and to engaging with all Parties in order to advance this review. We believe that the SED will be an appropriate vehicle for open and substantive discussions between Parties on the scientific knowledge and evidence-based climate policy formulation. To that end, we would like to actively consult with Parties on how to effectively organize and conduct the SED during sessions and inter-sessionally.

Parties may recall that during the thirty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (SB 38), we convened the first SED (SED 1) as an in-session workshop on 5 June 2013, at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany. The workshop provided a good opportunity for Parties and experts to have an exchange of views on how existing scientific information and knowledge could be used to address the scope of the review.¹ We prepared a summary report of the workshop, which is available on the UNFCCC web site.²

We intend to hold the second meeting of the SED (SED 2) during the upcoming sessions of the subsidiary bodies. It will build on what Parties have already agreed on the review at COP 16, COP 17, COP 18 and at SED 1, as well as the views expressed by Parties at the bilateral consultations we conducted with negotiating groups during SB 38. We expect SED 2 to be conducive to open and frank discussions using existing information relevant for the review.

SED 2 will be organized along the two themes of the scope of the review, in a balanced and constructive manner.³ Each theme will consist of three parts, namely: a presentation of relevant scientific findings by experts; a dialogue with experts; and a general debate focusing on the implication for the 2013-2015 review based on the findings and the exchange of views with experts. Theme 1 will look at observed and projected changes in the climate system and their relationship with the long-term global goal (LTGG), and theme 2 will explore trends and projections of global GHG emissions and the effectiveness of support provided, in the context of assessing the progress made towards the LTGG. Issues such as uncertainties, urgency, and risks will be discussed under both themes.

In preparation for SED 2, we will provide an information note outlining the approach for the dialogue, including guiding questions for the general debate. We take this opportunity to extend a kind invitation to Parties to provide us further views on the future work of the SED. Should you wish to do so, please send your views to the secretariat at <2013-2015review@unfccc.int>.

¹ 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.

² See <http://unfccc.int/science/workstreams/the_2013-2015_review/items/7803.php>.

³ Theme 1: the adequacy of the long-term global goal (LTGG) in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention

Theme 2: overall progress made towards achieving the LTGG, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention



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Finally, in accordance with the COP decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 82, we note that the findings of the Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC are highly relevant to both themes of SED 2. We intend therefore to work closely with the experts of IPCC who will attend SED 2 in order to ensure an adequate and accurate presentation of these findings in the 2013-2015 review. We hope that the IPCC input as well as other inputs will provide valuable support for all negotiators participating in SED 2.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Andreas Fischlin

Signed by

Zou Ji