

## **Submission on the 2013-2015 Review**

On behalf of Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and the United States.

The SBI and the SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat their views on

1. additional inputs to the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED); and
2. how to conclude the 2013-2015 Review including the final reporting of the SBSTA and the SBI to the COP at its 21<sup>st</sup> session.

We acknowledge the work of the Structure Expert Dialogue (SED) so far and wish to thank its co-facilitators for their efforts in preparing SED3 that was held in Bonn, Germany in June 2014 and a summary report of SED3. We have found the discussions with experts, in particular those from the IPCC, and the summary reports over the course of the Review to be useful outputs that inform the broader UNFCCC process, including those activities taking place under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP). We note that the SB co-chairs presented an update on the progress of the Review to the ADP during its meeting in October, exemplifying how the Review has informed the ADP process.

We also thank the secretariat for preparing a note containing an “indicative, descriptive identification of what information, as listed in decision 2/CP.17 para 161(b) will be available for consideration by the SED”. We have considered this list of information in preparing our submission.

### **1. Views on additional inputs to the Review**

- Inputs need to be robust, scientifically sound and relevant to the mandate of the Review. Including inputs that stray from these parameters would sacrifice the integrity and, therefore, the usefulness of the process. As a general guideline, additional inputs considered by the SED should, therefore, meet the highest scientific standards, such as those used for considering literature in IPCC Assessment Reports.
- Moreover, we view a balanced consideration of inputs during the SEDs to be of importance. As such, for Biennial Reports to be a relevant input to the Review, it is imperative to ensure that input from Biennial Update Reports is also included to provide a global perspective.
- The Review needs to ensure it does not duplicate processes occurring elsewhere in the UNFCCC (e.g., multilateral assessment).
- With these general guidelines in mind, therefore, IPCC reports and other global-scale assessments and reports are the key inputs to be considered by the SED, as a global perspective is needed to fully and accurately respond to the two-fold mandate given to the 2013-15 Review.
- In this vein, we suggest the following inputs could be useful to assist the further work of the Review and bring the Review to its conclusion in 2015:
  - IPCC 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report Synthesis Report, focus on linkages between the three working groups and what elements are most relevant to the Review
  - *World Energy Outlook 2014*, International Energy Agency

- *Bridging the Gap* report, United Nations Environment Programme (2014)

**2. On how to conclude the 2013-2015 Review including reporting to COP21, we have prepared the following suggested timeline:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Review Process</b>
November 2014	IPCC Synthesis Report released	
December 2014	COP 20, Lima, Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SED4-1 Workshop:</b> Consider IPCC 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report's Synthesis Report and information from the sources referred to in decision 2/CP.17, para. 161(b-d)</li> <li>• <b>JCG:</b> Consider further guidance on how to prepare Review synthesis report.</li> <li>• Co-facilitators report on work done under SED to COP, through SB (per 1/CP.18, para 87(c))</li> </ul>
February 2015	ADP3, Geneva, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SED4-2 Workshop:</b> Balanced consideration of non-IPCC products referred to in decision 2/CP.17, para. 161(b-d), such as IEA's <i>World Energy Outlook</i> and UNEP's <i>Emissions Gap 2014</i></li> </ul>
May 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SED co-facilitators:</b> Release synthesis report, which is a distillation of SED summary reports, focusing primarily on IPCC findings relevant to the Review.</li> <li>• <b>Parties:</b> Invited to submit views on synthesis report to facilitate the discussion when Parties meet at SB-42</li> </ul>
June 2015	SB-42 meeting, Bonn, Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JCG:</b> Parties discuss and endorse synthesis report for ultimate acceptance at COP21</li> </ul>
December 2015	COP21, Paris, France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COP:</b> Takes note of/accepts synthesis report</li> </ul>