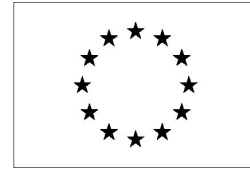




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Subject: Review 2013-2015 (SED) - Views on additional inputs to the Structured Expert Dialogue, on how to conclude the review and on the final reporting of the SBSTA and the SBI to COP 21

Introduction

The EU welcomes the work done and the progress made under the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED) of the 2013-15 Review and wishes to thank all of the experts from the IPCC and other bodies who have made presentations during SED sessions and engaged with Parties. The EU also wishes to thank the Co-Facilitators and Secretariat for organisation of the SED to date. It also welcomes the positive approach by Parties in the Joint Contact Group (JCG) and looks forward to continue in this fashion. The Parties have been invited to submit their views on

- Additional inputs to the SED
- How to conclude the 2013-15 Review
- The final reporting of the SBSTA and the SBI to the Conference of the Parties at its 21st session

Additional inputs to the SED

The EU wishes to highlight the importance of maintaining the scientific integrity of the 2013–2015 review as set out in Decision 1/CP.18. It considers that the information already provided to the SED to be of considerable value, particularly the contributions from the IPCC. The EU considers that the Synthesis Report of the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) will be a key input to the SED4 in Lima. This meeting of the SED should also hear from bodies that are outside of the UNFCCC process. In this context it is considered that the views and inputs from the UN Convention on Biodiversity, UN Convention on Desertification and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation are relevant to its work. Natural ecosystems and food security are cited within the objective of the UNFCCC and are therefore relevant to its long-term goal.

In relation to the final meeting of the SED (SED5), the EU considers that it should largely focus on relevant information from the Parties including that provided in National Communications, Biennial Reports and Biennial Update Reports. The EU notes that the information note provided by the Secretariat suggests that only a limited amount of current relevant information may be available and that this information is not available for all countries in a balanced way. This will reduce the ability of the SED to provide the required aggregate global analysis in a balanced manner. It is suggested that Parties should explore options to address this lack of information ahead of the 5th SED.

How to conclude the 2013-15 Review

The 2013-15 Review should be concluded in a timely manner to allow the provision of its synthesis reports to CoP as well as allow Parties time to agree conclusions and decision text. The Parties have already agreed the scheduling of the SED4 and SED5 which will conclude the work of the SED. The EU considers that the Co-Facilitators should provide reports on SED4 and 5 to the JCG at SB42.

As it is ultimately for the Parties to determine the adequacy of the Long Term Global Goal (LTGG) based on the information provided in the SED and from their own analysis, the EU considers that Parties should provide these views via submissions following completion of the SED process. The timing of these submissions and the process for consideration of the information in them needs to be considered by the Joint Contact Group (JCG) at SB41.

Parties should start work on conclusions and a decision once the SED process has been completed, i.e. at SB42. These would form the basis for a CoP Decision on the findings of the 2013-15 Review. This should be the primary focus of work of the JCG at SB42.

Final reporting of the SBSTA and SBI to the CoP21

The EU considers that reporting of the findings of the 2013-15 Review to CoP21 to be comprised of two synthesis reports

1. A synthesis report from the SED co-facilitators which compiles their reports from the SED.
2. A synthesis report on the views of Parties on the adequacy of LTGG (Compiled by the Secretariat).

In combination these would constitute the output from the 2013-15 Review and would constitute the final report of SBSTA and SBI to CoP21. The JCG should also provide conclusions and a draft Decision on the adequacy of the LTGG and the overall progress towards achieving it to CoP21.