

China's Submission on the 2013—2015 Review

In response to paragraph 169 and 170 of FCCC/SBI/2013/20, China would like to submit the following views regarding future work of the Structured Expert Dialogue (SED) and how the outcomes of the Review will inform the work of ADP:

I. Views on the future work of the SED, including further use of different sources of information

1. Future work of the SED

As part of the Review process, the SED shall be guided by the principles and relevant provisions of the Convention and be conducted in full accordance with previous COP decisions and SB conclusions, in particular the mandate and objective of the SED set out in Decision 1/CP.18. Building on its previous work, the SED in the future should:

(1) Continue to serve as a platform for exchange of views, information and ideas, with a view to supporting the work of the joint contact group, as defined in paragraphs 80 and 85, Decision 1/CP.18, and continue to assist the subsidiary bodies in gathering and compiling information relevant to the Review.

(2) Conduct its work in a balanced manner. The following balances should be maintained throughout the whole process of the SED: the balance between two themes as defined in paragraph 79, Decision 1/CP.18, the balance among the three Working Groups of IPCC, the balance among various inputs (including IPCC AR5 reports and other inputs as listed in Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161), the balanced participation of experts from developed and developing countries, and the balance among information related to the six elements of the 2015 agreement (namely, mitigation, adaptation, technology, finance, capacity building and transparency).

(3) Organize its work in a transparent and party-driven manner. Parties should be given the opportunity to make comments on the organization of work of the SED. Parties' views and submissions should be taken into full consideration during the preparation for future SED, and the agenda of the SED should reflect the concerns and proposals of Parties.

(4) Identify and take concrete steps to fill the information gaps with respect to both themes of the Review. Such information gaps shall be addressed by additional inputs and studies (including from experts both from developed countries and developing countries, and from international organizations, regional and national

organizations).

(5) Consider initiating discussions on how to assist the subsidiary bodies with the preparation and consideration of the synthesis reports on the Review in accordance with paragraph 86(b), Decision 1/CP.18, with a view to submitting such synthesis report to the subsidiary bodies through the joint contact group no later than at their forty-third sessions (December 2015).

The future SED should address, *inter alia*, the following questions:

Theme 1:

- What is the dangerous level of climate intervention and associated scientific uncertainties?
- What are the impacts of various levels of temperature increase on the eco-system, environment, social and economic aspects at global, regional and national levels?
- What are the adaptation options, needs, opportunities and costs associated with these impacts?
- What are the mitigation costs associated with various temperature targets?

Theme 2:

- Are the emission reduction commitments of Annex I Parties of the Convention adequate and effective in terms of scientific requirements? What work should be undertaken to assess the implementation of their commitments?
- Are the commitments of Annex II Parties of the Convention regarding provisions of financial resources and transfer of technology and capacity building to developing countries adequate? Are their commitments implemented effectively? Is there any gap between the needs of developing countries and the commitments of developed countries? If there is a gap, how to address it?
- Are the existing adaptation activities adequate and effective, particularly the support provided for developing countries?
- What are the social and economic impacts of the implementation of mitigation measures on developing countries?

SED 3 and SED 4 shall be held in conjunction with the fortieth session (Jun 2014) and forty-first session (Dec 2014) of the subsidiary bodies respectively. In order to ensure the full participation of developing countries, it is recommended not to have additional SED workshops, unless adequate funding can be provided to delegates and experts from developing countries, in accordance with paragraph 88, Decision 1/CP.18. Authors of the IPCC report and experts who are not authors of the IPCC

report, experts from developing countries and developed countries should be invited to contribute to the dialogue in a balanced manner.

2. The Information Sources to be considered in the SED

This is an initial list of information sources, including but not limited to:

- The assessment, special reports and technical papers of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:
 - IPCC AR5
 - Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation (2011)
 - Special Report on Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events
- Other relevant reports from Parties and processes under the Convention
 - Technology Needs Assessments reports
 - National Communications
 - ICA/IAR reports, BR/BUR reports
 - TEC/CTCN/GCF/SCF/GEF reports
 - NAPs
 - Submissions from Parties
 - Information from other processes
 - Technical paper on Investment and financial flows to address climate change: an update
- Other relevant reports from United Nations agencies and other international organizations, such as from:
 - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - The World Bank
 - The United Nations Environment Program
 - The United Nations Development Program
 - The South Center
 - Stockholm Environment Institute
 - The International Energy Agency
 - The World Economic Forum
 - IRENA
 - World Energy Council
 - IIASA
 - The Earth System Science Partnership
 - The World Climate Research Program
 - The International Geosphere-Biosphere Program
- Scientific and social economic information from reports of relevant regional and sub-regional agencies, such as:
 - The National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International

Cooperation, China

- Tsinghua University, China
- Energy Research Institute, China
- China Academy of Social Science
- Tata Energy Research Institute, India
- University of Delhi, India
- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- Indian Statistical Institute
- Indian Institute of Science
- Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

II. Views on how the outcomes of the review will inform the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, as requested by Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 6

Decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 1/CP.18 have provided clear mandate for the 2013-2015 Review. The objective of the Review is to periodically assess, in accordance with relevant principles and provisions of the Convention: (a) The adequacy of the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention; (b) Overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including a consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention.

Paragraph 166, decision 2/CP.17 has requested the subsidiary bodies “to report on their considerations and findings to the Conference of the Parties, which should address those considerations and provide any further guidance, as appropriate.” Paragraph 139(c), decision 1/CP.16 states, “The Conference of the Parties shall take appropriate action based on the review.”

In accordance with the above mandate, the Review can inform the ADP by collecting information and inputs, and preparing and submitting synthesis report to the COP for its consideration and appropriate action, without prejudging the work undergoing in the subsidiary bodies. Such actions by the COP may include referring the report of the subsidiary bodies on the Review to the ADP for its information and appropriate use. The information related to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity building and transparency should be treated in a balanced manner in the Review process.
