

Information on the second meeting of the fourth session of the structured expert dialogue on the 2013–2015 review

Note by the co-facilitators

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I. Introduction

1. As requested by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at their fortieth sessions, we will organize the 2nd meeting of the fourth session of the structured expert dialogue (SED) on 8 and 9 February 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland, in conjunction with the eighth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. To this end, a notification was sent to Parties by the secretariat on 25 November 2014.

2. In preparing for this meeting, we took into consideration the following:

(a) The request from SBSTA 40 and SBI 40 to consider the information sources identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161(b–d);

(b) The request from SBSTA 41 and SBI 41 to ensure a balanced consideration of the information referenced in the note from the secretariat on national information available for consideration by the SED;¹

(c) The views from Parties contained in all the submissions made under the agenda item on the 2013–2015 review, as requested by SBSTA 41 and SBI 41;

(d) The consultations that we held with Parties during SBSTA 41 and SBI 41;

(e) The statements by Parties made at the closing plenary of SBSTA 41.

II. Second meeting of the fourth session of the structured expert dialogue

A. Goal of and general approach to the meeting

3. At its final meeting, the SED will aim to complete its work by addressing, in a balanced manner, all remaining inputs to the 2013–2015 review. It will focus on information sources other than those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) identified in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161 (b–d). Pursuant to decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 84, 86(a), and 89, the meeting will also address information that has been published after the cut-off dates of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and identify information gaps.

4. In order to prepare for and organize SED 4-2, we held informal consultations with Parties on 4 December 2014, in Lima, Peru, which were noted by SBSTA 41 and SBI 41. These consultations helped us to identify similar views among Parties on several issues, namely on the need to:

(a) Keep discussions focused on high-quality non-IPCC information sources;

¹ FCCC/SB/2014/INF.3.

- (b) Reduce the length of presentations and allocate more time to discussions;
 - (c) Allow for the participation of IPCC experts in the discussions to ensure the scientific integrity of the SED;
 - (d) Provide Parties with information on SED 4-2 as early as possible;
 - (e) Communicate with experts to ensure that their interventions focus on the two themes of the review.
5. Further to our consultations with Parties, we suggest to complete the work of the SED at SED 4-2 within two time slots of three hours each, without any special closing session.
6. We encourage Parties and groups of Parties to: review the reports of SED 1–3 and the presentations made at SED 4-1; come prepared with succinct questions to put to experts and views that they would like to express; and engage actively in the dialogue.

B. Organization of the meeting

7. Given the limited time available in Geneva, we will invite contributions that will enrich and build on previous meetings of the SED and will not duplicate ongoing work. While some experts will make presentations, several others will also be invited to support the discussions without making a presentation.
8. On the inputs referred to in **decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161(b)**, the partial availability of national reports, which is highlighted in the note from the secretariat referred to paragraph 2(b) above, will not enable us to consider these reports in a balanced manner. We therefore plan to invite presentations from other processes that were suggested by Parties, namely: the Adaptation Committee, including the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; the Climate Technology Centre and Network; the Technology Executive Committee; the Durban Forum on capacity-building and the Green Climate Fund and the Standing Committee on Finance. Bearing in mind the time constraints, representatives of processes that have already participated in previous meetings of the SED will be invited to participate in SED 4-2 and present only if they are in the position to provide new and additional information.
9. On the inputs referred to in **decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161(c)**, we intend to invite presentations and experts from the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.
10. On the inputs referred to in **decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 161(d)**, we intend to invite contributions from regional and subregional agencies on observed impacts of climate change with a view to carefully balance these inputs. In organizing for these contributions, we will be mindful that at SED 2 and 3 we heard from IPCC experts on such impacts, and that time will be limited at SED 4-2. In addition, we intend to invite IPCC experts if possible from each region to participate in the discussions, and to ask presenters to share with them their presentations and the information sources used ahead of the meeting.
11. All these presentations will be followed by a discussion between Parties and experts that will address the two themes of the 2013–2015 review. As suggested by some Parties theme 2 will be taken up first and equal amount of time will be allocated to the two themes.
12. We invite Parties to keep their interventions succinct to allow for a fruitful discussion, refrain from delivering prepared statements and to possibly provide us with additional guiding questions, as appropriate.
13. Since SED 4-2 will be the final meeting of the SED, we will reserve a bit of time for some closing remarks.

C. Date and venue

14. The 2nd meeting of SED 4 will take place in Geneva on Sunday, 8 February 2015 from 15.00 to 18.00 and Monday, 9 February 2015 from 15.00 to 18.00.

D. Report on the fourth session of the structured expert dialogue

15. As announced in our information note on SED 4-1, the outcomes of both meetings of the fourth session of the SED will be captured in a consolidated report. As requested by SBSTA 41 and SBI 41, this report will be made available by 20 March 2015.
