

First Multilateral Assessment of Switzerland

Observation by the Party

Switzerland would like to take the opportunity to share its views on the first round of the multilateral assessment that was held three months prior to and during the UN Climate Change Conference in Lima in December 2014.

The online question and answer period prior to the working group session in Lima resulted in good questions and triggered important discussions. Most of the questions that Switzerland as well as the other countries under assessment received have generated answers that clarified open issues, shed light on issues still to be resolved individually or collectively, and enhanced the mutual understanding.

Switzerland is also pleased about the working group session of the multilateral assessment that has taken place under the guidance of the Chair of the SBI in Lima, Peru. We have very much appreciated the excellent manner, in which the working group session has been conducted and the constructive participation of all Parties present. The efficient, positive and encouraging atmosphere made the session for Switzerland as a country under assessment as well as a country in the plenary during other countries' assessment a benefit. The conduct of the working group session helped us to put the multilateral assessment process on a positive track. We are of the view that the SBI should take note of the full record of each countries assessment to conclude the first implementation of the International Analysis and Review (IAR) process.

Switzerland considers this first round of multilateral assessment a successful start to establish an enhanced review process. We are looking forward to continue our engagement in the remaining assessments of International Analysis and Review (IAR) process as well as in the subsequent International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) process. In our view, both processes are very useful to promote transparency and enhance the mutual understanding of our respective national policies.