

Information note on the second meeting of the structured expert dialogue

Note by the co-facilitators

20 October 2021

I. Introduction

1. COP 25 decided that the second periodic review of the long-term global goal (LTGG) and the progress towards achieving it (PR2) shall start in the second half of 2020 and conclude in 2022. As part of the periodic review, the second structured expert dialogue (PR2-SED2)¹ was mandated to be held over three meetings, in conjunction with sessions of the subsidiary bodies, starting at the fifty-third session and to be completed at the fifty-fifth session (originally scheduled for November 2020 and November 2021, respectively).²

2. Due to COVID-19 induced changes to the UNFCCC calendar, the first meeting of PR2-SED2 took place over two parts in November 2020 and June 2021³ and the third meeting is scheduled to take place during the first sessional period in 2022. This information note focuses on the second meeting, which will take place in conjunction with SBSTA 52–55 to be held during the Glasgow Climate Change Conference, on 1 and 2 November 2021.

3. COP 25 agreed that the outcome of PR2 will not result in an alteration or redefinition of the LTGG stated in decision 10/CP.21. It decided that the PR2 should, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention and on the basis of the best available science:

- (a) Enhance Parties' understanding of:
 - (i) The LTGG and scenarios towards achieving it in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention;
 - (ii) Progress made in relation to addressing information and knowledge gaps, including with regard to scenarios to achieve the LTGG and the range of associated impacts, since the completion of the 2013–2015 review;
 - (iii) Challenges and opportunities for achieving the LTGG with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention.
- (b) Assess the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the LTGG in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention.⁴

4. A compilation of all previous mandates on the periodic review of the LTGG and progress towards achieving it is available online.⁵

5. As outlined in paragraph 1 above, three meetings of the PR2-SED will be held. The first meeting, representing PR2-SED1, was held over two sessions as follows:

¹ We used this abbreviation to distinguish between the SED of the second periodic review and that of the first periodic review.

² Decision 5/CP.25, paragraph 7.

³ See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Summary%20report_SED1.pdf.

⁴ Decision 5/CP.25, paragraph 4.

⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/event/first-meeting-of-the-structured-expert-dialogue>.

(a) The first Part (PR2-SED1.1) took place on 26–27 November 2020, during the UN Climate Change Dialogues 2020 (hereafter Climate Dialogues) and considered the three Special Reports of the IPCC and information from Parties;

(b) The Second part (PR2-SED1.2) was held in conjunction with the May-June session of the subsidiary bodies, from 3 to 5 June 2021 and considered information available from other UN agencies and international organizations.

6. A summary report on PR2-SED1 covering both PR2-SED1.1 and PR2-SED1.2, prepared under our responsibility, is available [here](#).

7. On 27 April 2021 and during the May-June SB sessions, informal consultations with Parties on matters related to the PR2 were held. We invite Parties to continue to send us views that could help us with the preparations for PR2-SED3 at PR2@unfccc.int.

8. Consistent with the modalities for the periodic reviews, Parties are invited to keep in mind that the review will be based on information from the various sources identified in [decision 2/CP.17, para. 161](#). Pursuant to this decision, a compilation of indicative information that could be available for consideration by PR2-SED and by when is annexed to the [information note for SED1.1](#).

9. The information on both themes of PR2 will be considered as it becomes available. The final summary report of the SED2 will consolidate all the aspects considered at individual SED2 meetings in a comprehensive manner.

II. Second meeting of the second structured expert dialogue

10. Similar to PR2-SED1, PR2-SED2 will aim to ensure scientific integrity in the UNFCCC process by providing space for focused scientific and technical exchange of views, information and ideas in an open and transparent manner. We plan to hold PR2-SED2 over two days, 1 November 2021 (15–18.00 GMT) and 2 November 2021 (15–18.00GMT), during the sessions of the subsidiary bodies in Glasgow. The meeting will adhere to guidance provided for mandated COP 26 events.

11. In line with the PR modality to consider information as it becomes available, PR2-SED2 will be centred around the content of the WGI contribution to the IPCC's AR6, the Fourth Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows by the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and other recently published reports by international organizations. It will also provide an opportunity to hold a dedicated session on reports coordinated by relevant regional and sub-regional agencies.

12. Part one (1 November 2021) of PR2-SED2 will be dedicated to global aspects with the WGI of AR6, and the UNEP Gap reports (on mitigation and Adaptation), as well as input by the SCF on Fourth Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows, as primary inputs. Part two (2 November 2021) will focus on scientific information on observed impacts of climate change with inputs from WMO Regional Climate Centres, and other reports/inputs coordinated by relevant regional and sub-regional agencies and would benefit from contributions by the IPCC, OECD and the Third World Network (TWN). Other regional experts and organizations will be invited to join the discussions and/or participate in the poster sessions. Participants may wish to draw from and/or reflect on relevant findings contained in the NDC synthesis report prepared by the secretariat during the discussions, including in relation to enhancing understanding on the LTGG and progress towards achieving it.

13. Poster sessions on relevant topics will be held, as per paragraph 17 below, to complement the discussions that will take place in plenary.

A. Approach

14. Consistent with the modalities for PR, we plan to continue to ensure a balanced consideration of inputs on themes 1 and 2 of PR2 (kindly see paragraph 3 above) and will strive to ensure a balance

in the gender of experts invited, as well as the regions of their origin. One should be reminded that the balance in terms of the time allocated to the two themes of the PR will be maintained across the various PR2-SED meetings in aggregate, but not necessarily within a single meeting. In addition, organizations and agencies invited to present on Part 1 will also be invited to participate in the discussions on Part 2 and vice versa. This will ensure a richer discussion and the participation of a wider number of experts on both themes.

15. The presentations, poster sessions and overall discussions at PR2-SED2 will build on those held during the PR2-SED1 meeting. We will strive to invite presentations that speak to both themes of the PR2 when focusing on the global and regional aspects.

(a) Part 1 will kick-off with a presentation on global climate change aspects/trends emerging from the WGI contribution to the IPCC's AR6. This will be complemented by a presentation on the UNEP Gap reports and the Fourth Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows;

(b) In part 2, the representatives of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) regional climate centres will form a panel to share views on their findings relating to climate impacts in their regions (Theme 1) and a second panel will comprise of representatives from the IPCC, OECD and TWN who will address questions relating to Theme 2 of the periodic review. The IPCC, UNEP and SCF will be invited to attend the part 2 discussions and will be encouraged to draw from their findings to complement the discussions by the panel members.

16. In both parts of PR2-SED2, a moderated discussion will follow the introductory remarks by experts for participants to pose questions to the experts. To that end, we invite participants to come prepared to provide succinct interventions and to ask the experts questions that pertain to the two themes of PR2.

17. A virtual poster session will be organized and be accessible throughout the Glasgow climate change conference via a virtual platform to complement the PR2-SED2 discussions. The posters will provide an opportunity to share additional information that could not be presented in the plenary presentations and panel discussions. All the posters will also be made available on the PR2-SED2 webpage. Poster presenters will be requested to prepare focused posters that strictly adhere to the two themes of PR2 and respond to the guiding questions in paragraph 19 below. The experts will be available to interact with PR2-SED2 participants at the Q&A sessions which scheduled for 13.15–14.45 on both days of the SED (1 and 2 November). The posters on global aspects will be the focus of the Q&A session for part 1 on 1 November and those on regional aspects will be the focus of the Q&A session for part 2 on 2 November.

B. Organization

18. Building on the approach adopted at previous SED meetings, PR2-SED2 will be organized as a fact-finding exchange of views between experts and Parties, with sufficient time allocated for dialogue between Parties and experts.

19. The presentations, poster sessions and overall discussions will be guided by the following questions:

- | |
|--|
| <p>(a) What new knowledge has your organization/agency gathered regarding the scenarios towards achieving the LTGG in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention?</p> <p>(b) What progress has your organization/agency made in relation to addressing information and knowledge gaps, including with regard to scenarios to achieve the LTGG and the range of associated impacts, since the completion of the 2013–2015 review?</p> <p>(c) What challenges and opportunities have your organization/agency identified for achieving the LTGG with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention?</p> |
|--|

(d) What assessments does your organization/agency have on the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the LTGG in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention?

20. We are encouraging presenters to respond to relevant questions in their contribution, based on their areas of expertise while keeping presentations succinct to allow sufficient time for discussions. Presenters are also encouraged to make their presentations available to the secretariat in advance of the SED to allow participants sufficient to consider its content.

21. The PR2-SED2 meeting will be open to all COP 26 participants, including Parties, observers and media and will be webcasted. Further details will be provided on the UNFCCC website.

22. We will aim to prepare a summary report on PR2-SED2, under our responsibility, in the first half of 2022 and make it available on the UNFCCC website. The summary report will serve as input to the final report on PR2-SED2.

Draft agenda for PR2-SED2

Part 1 - 2 November (15.00–18.00 hrs, GMT): Global climate change aspects

Themes 1 and 2	
<i>13.15–14.45 Posters focusing on global climate change aspects/trends will be presented on virtual conference platform</i>	
15.00–15.10	Opening and welcome remarks by SED Co-facilitators
15.10–15.45	Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPCC focusing on theme 1 (15mins) • UNEP focusing on theme 1 (7mins) • SCF focusing on theme 2 (7mins)
15.45–17.45	Moderated Q&A discussions with all participants and experts, guided by the questions listed in paragraph 19 above and questions from participants
17.45–18.00	Closing remarks by SED Co-facilitators

Part 2 - 2 November (15.00–18.00 hrs, GMT): Regional climate change aspects

Themes 1 and 2	
<i>13.15–14.45 Posters focusing on global climate change aspects/trends will be presented on virtual conference platform</i>	
15.00–15.10	Introductory remarks by SED Co-facilitators
15.10–16.30	Moderated panel discussion mainly focusing on Theme 1 of the PR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel composition: WMO's RCCs representatives (3mins each)
	Moderated Q&A discussions with all participants and experts, guided by the questions listed in paragraph 19 above and questions from participants
16.30–17.45	Moderated panel discussion mainly focusing on Theme 2 of the PR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel composition: IPCC, OECD and TWN experts (3mins each)
	Moderated Q&A discussions with all participants and experts, guided by the questions listed in paragraph 19 above and questions from participants
17.45–18.00	Wrapping up and closing remarks by the SED CFs