

Information Note on the Third Meeting of the Structured Expert Dialogue

Note by the co-facilitators

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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. However, due to COVID-19 induced changes to the UNFCCC calendar, the first meeting of PR2-SED2 took place online over two parts in November 2020 and June 2021 while the second meeting was held in-person in November 2021.³ This information note focuses on the third meeting, which will take place in conjunction with SBSTA 56 to be held during the first sessional period in 2022 (June 2022).

3. COP 25 agreed that the outcome of the 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.

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/event/first-meeting-of-the-structured-expert-dialogue> and <https://unfccc.int/event/second-meeting-of-the-structured-expert-dialogue-of-the-second-periodic-review>.

(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 para 1 above, three meetings of the PR2-SED will be held. The first meeting, representing PR2-SED1, was held over two sessions as follows:

(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. The second meeting PR2-SED2 was held on 1–2 November 2021, during the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, and considered the Working Group I contribution to the sixth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC AR6), and other inputs provided by global and regional experts. A summary report on PR2-SED2 prepared under our responsibility, is available [here](#).

8. The SBs, at SB 52–55, invited Parties and observers to submit by 4 March 2022 views on PR2-SED3. As of 2 May 2022, submissions have been received from ten Parties (Groups), one UN organization and two admitted NGOs.⁶

9. In addition, we held three informal exchange of views sessions with Parties on 11 February and 16 February 2022 (GMT) to accommodate different time zones and the schedule of delegates attending IPCC plenary and WG II contribution to AR6 approval plenary. Through these sessions, we received valuable inputs from Parties on the organization of PR2-SED3 including on inputs and specific questions to be addressed at the third meeting. These inputs, together with submissions received from Parties and organizations, have guided us in preparing for the PR2-SED3. We invite Parties to continue to send us views that could help us with the preparations for PR2-SED2 and PR2-SED3 at PR2@unfccc.int.

10. 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, paragraph 161](#). Pursuant to this decision, a compilation of indicative information that could be available for consideration by PR2-SED2 and by when is annexed to the [Information Note for SED1.1](#).

⁴ Decision 5/CP.25, paragraph 4.

⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/topics/science/workstreams/periodic-review/SED>.

⁶ All submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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

II. Third meeting of the second structured expert dialogue

12. Similar to PR2-SED1 and PR2-SED2, PR2-SED3 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-SED3 in two parts (*provisionally, on 7 June 2022 from 16.00 to 19.00 CEST and 8 June 2022 from 16.00 to 19.00 CEST*), during SB 56 in Bonn. The meeting will adhere to the guidance provided for mandated SB 56 events.

13. In line with the PR modality to consider information as it becomes available and as reflected in the submissions and inputs shared during our informal exchange of views sessions, the content of the WGII and WGIII contributions to the IPCC's AR6 will be the main inputs to the discussions at PR2-SED3.

14. Part one (7 June 2022) of PR2-SED3 will be dedicated to issues covered by the WG II contribution to IPCC AR6, while Part two (8 June 2022) will focus on issues covered by the WG III contribution to IPCC AR6. Cross-cutting issues, such as equity, will be addressed in both parts. Participants may wish to draw from and/or reflect on relevant findings contained in the latest NDC synthesis report prepared by the secretariat during the discussions, including in relation to enhancing understanding on the LTGG and progress towards achieving it.

15. While Poster sessions proved helpful in complementing discussions at the plenary during PR2-SED1.1 and PR2-SED1.2 which were held entirely virtually, they were considered less effective at PR2-SED2 when the plenary discussions were held in person with poster sessions entirely virtual. Therefore, upon consultation with Parties, we have decided not to hold poster sessions at this meeting. Relevant posters prepared under other SB official events, including the Research Dialogue, will be made available on PR2-SED3 web pages.

A. Approach

16. Consistent with the modalities for PR, we plan to continue to ensure a balanced consideration of inputs on themes 1 and 2 of PR2 (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. In addition, experts invited to present at Part 1 will also be invited to participate in the discussions at Part 2. This will ensure a richer discussion and the participation of a wider number of experts on both themes.

17. The presentations and overall discussions at PR2-SED3 will build on those held during PR2-SED1 and PR2-SED2, and will speak to both themes of the PR2. For each part of the PR2-SED3, we plan to have two presentations: the first is to introduce key findings of WG II or III report, while the second is to respond to questions and issues raised in submissions from Parties and Observers as

indicated in paragraph 8 above. Where relevant, key findings of UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2021 and the Climate Policy Initiative's Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2021 will be drawn upon in response to Party questions. These presentations will be followed by a moderated dialogue between Parties and 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.

18. As requested by Parties, we intend to publish the list of invited experts online at least two weeks before the session starts and make the presentations available online at least one week before the session starts to allow Parties and observers time to prepare for more efficient interactions with experts during the session.⁷

B. Organization

19. Building on the approach adopted at previous SED meetings, PR2-SED3 will be organized as a fact-finding exchange of views between experts and Parties, with sufficient time allocated for dialogue between Parties and experts.

20. The presentations and dialogue will be guided by the following questions:

- (a) What new knowledge has been gathered regarding the scenarios towards achieving the LTGG in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention?
- (b) What progress has been 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?
- (c) What challenges and opportunities have been identified for achieving the LTGG with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention?
- (d) What assessments have been made 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?

21. We have requested presenters to directly respond to the above questions covering both themes of PR2 and addressing issues related to both action and means of implementation, and issues raised in the submissions as indicated in paragraph 8 above in their contributions, based on their areas of expertise while keeping presentations succinct to allow sufficient time for dialogue and interactions. The PR2-SED3 meeting will be open to all SB 56 participants, including Parties, observers, and will be webcasted. Further details will be provided on the UNFCCC website.

22. We will aim to prepare a summary report on PR2-SED3, under our responsibility, by September 2022 and make it available on the UNFCCC website. This summary report will serve as input to the final report on PR2-SED2 which will be made available by October 2022.

⁷ This is in so far as possible.

Indicative agenda for PR2-SED3 (*dates and times are provisional*)

Part 1 - 7 June 2022 (16.00–19.00 CEST)

Adaptation	
16.00–16.10	Opening and welcome remarks by SED Co-facilitators
16.10–16.50	Presentations by experts sharing views on findings of IPCC AR6 WG II report and responding to the issues / questions raised in submissions by Parties and observers
16.50–18.50	Moderated Q&A discussions with all participants and experts, guided by the questions listed in paragraph 20 above and other relevant questions from participants
18.50–19.00	Closing remarks by SED Co-facilitators

Part 2 - 8 June 2022 (16.00–19.00 CEST)

Mitigation	
16.00–16.10	Opening and welcome remarks by SED Co-facilitators
16.10–16.50	Presentations by experts sharing views on findings of IPCC AR6 WG III report and responding to the issues / questions raised in submissions by Parties and observers
16.50–18.50	Moderated Q&A discussions with all participants and experts, guided by the questions listed in paragraph 20 above and other relevant questions from participants
18.55–19.00	Closing remarks by SED Co-facilitators