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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Nomination of co-facilitators of the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2023–2024

I am pleased to convey to the Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement a message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Harry Vreuls, on the biennial nomination of co-facilitators of the annual ocean and climate change dialogue.

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as to United Nations organizations, admitted observer organizations and other non-Party stakeholders.



Annex

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

**Biennial nomination of co-facilitators of the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue
2023–2024**

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the mandate provided to me by Parties in the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan (Decision 1/CP.27, paragraph 45)¹, I am pleased to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, United Nations organizations and admitted intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that I have appointed Julio Cordano (Chile) and Gwynne Taraska (USA) as co-facilitators for 2023–2024 of the ocean and climate change dialogue.

The co-facilitators will be responsible for deciding the topics for and conducting the dialogues in 2023–2024, in consultation with Parties and observers, and preparing an informal summary report to be presented in conjunction with the subsequent session of the COP each year. The appointed co-facilitators are well versed in the UNFCCC process and the global ocean-climate agenda, having been actively engaged in addressing matters under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement on these matters.

I would encourage Parties and observers to work closely with the appointed co-facilitators to deliver dialogues that will strengthen ocean-based climate action, including in Parties' national climate goals and in the implementation of these goals.

More detailed information on the ocean mandates and the ocean and climate change dialogue are available on the UNFCCC ocean webpages.²

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Harry Vreuls', followed by a horizontal line.

Harry Vreuls
SBSTA Chair

¹ <https://unfccc.int/documents/624444>.

² <https://unfccc.int/topics/ocean>.