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

Selection of co-facilitators of the ocean and climate change dialogue

I am pleased to convey to Parties and observers States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers, and other non-Party stakeholders a message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Adonia Ayebare, on the selection of the two co-facilitators for the biennium 2025-26 ocean and climate change dialogue (“dialogue”).

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers, and other non-Party stakeholders.



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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing regarding the selection by Parties of the two co-facilitators for the biennium 2025-26 ocean and climate change dialogue (“dialogue”) as mandated at COP 27, in Sharm el-Sheikh. I also take this opportunity to refer to the [letter](#) of my predecessor Harry Vreuls dated 29 August 2024, which outlines the process that was undertaken.

I am pleased to inform that developed country Parties have selected Ulrik Lenaerts from Belgium. Developing country Parties have selected two co-facilitators who will be co-facilitating the dialogue on a rotational basis, starting with Carlos Márcio Bicalho Cozendey from Brazil in 2025, and Sivendra Michael from Fiji in 2026. The curriculum vitae of the selected co-facilitators will shortly be made available on the UNFCCC ocean [webpage](#).

I would like to express my gratitude to the respective regional groups and constituencies for following a robust consultation process and ensuring that the selection of the co-facilitators remains Party-driven. Please join me in warmly welcoming the selected co-facilitators for the 2025-26 biennium.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and
Technological Advice