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MESSAGE TO PARTIES
from the COP 23 Presidency

The secretariat is pleased to convey a message from the COP 23 Presidency regarding Voluntary meeting on coordination of support for REDD-plus implementation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COP23 PRESIDENCY TO THE PARTIES, REDD-PLUS FOCAL POINTS AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of activities referred to in Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (REDD+)

The COP 23 Presidency would like to avail of this opportunity to respond to the request by Parties, REDD-plus focal points and relevant stakeholders on the convening of a voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, in conjunction with the forty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies in Bonn, as called for by the COP in its decision 10/CP.19.

The Presidency has consulted closely with interested Parties and Groups on the matter throughout the first week of the SB 48 sessions, with the aim of understanding Parties' views on the voluntary meetings and the importance of such meetings for sharing experiences and lessons learned on REDD-plus implementation. The Presidency also had to take into consideration the very full agendas of the three subsidiary bodies convening here in Bonn, with the focus that work relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement takes precedence and sufficient time and space be given to ensure progress in Bonn and that will result in success at COP 24.

After careful consideration of Parties' views and the critical need to focus on the challenging work before us, the Presidency decided that, at least in this session, time would be better allocated for making significant progress on the items relating to the Paris Agreement and to the discussions of the Talanoa Dialogue. The Presidency has therefore determined to maintain the momentum by urging Parties to continue the voluntary meeting on coordination of support for REDD-plus at the next designated space.

The Presidency would like to emphasize that it continues to maintain a strong and committed interest on matters pertaining to REDD-plus. Parties should remain assured that the Presidency will continue to engage with them in order to ensure effective implementation of REDD-plus actions on the ground, as these mitigation actions in the forest sector represent an important part of the committed efforts by Parties to combat climate change. The Presidency is also liaising closely with the in-coming Polish Presidency on these matters so that REDD-plus continues to receive the leadership and support it deserves under the UNFCCC process and to ensure its successful implementation on the ground. The Presidency looks forward to a continued good collaboration with Parties on REDD-plus implementation.

COP 23 Presidency