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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Message from the co-chairs of the COP work programme on REDD-plus finance in 2013

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a message by the co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by Richard Kinley for)

Christiana Figueres



Annex

Message by the co-chairs of the work programme on results-based finance for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

Dear colleagues,

Following the completion of both workshops on results-based finance for the full implementation of REDD-plus activities as mandated by the COP in its decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 27 and 32, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you briefly our impressions of the outcomes of the workshops, the first one held on June 10 2013 in conjunction with the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies and the second on August 21-22, 2013 in Bonn.

We are pleased to note that both workshops went smoothly and successfully. Parties and observers participating in the workshops had very substantive and productive discussions on issues relating to results-based finance for the full implementation of REDD-plus. The first workshop addressed ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions. Parties identified unique features and barriers affecting the financing of REDD-plus. They also identified several key elements necessary for the scaling up and ensuring predictable financing such as good governance at all levels, building institutional capacities, addressing the safeguards and drivers of deforestation and ensuring that the benefits of REDD-plus are felt by all relevant stakeholders.

The second workshop focused on all three areas identified in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 29. During the discussions, participants were able to identify several points of convergence to address ways and means to transfer payments for result-based actions and ways to improve coordination. Several Parties presented proposals to address these matters such as the creation of an information hub (or repository or registry) at the international level and the establishment of coordination entities at the national level. These proposals drew much interest and attention from other participants. The participants also discussed the role of the GCF and other financing institutions in the financing of REDD-plus results-based actions. While the discussions focused on results-based finance for the full implementation phase, participants also recognized the importance of adequate and scaled-up financing for the readiness phases of REDD-plus as a prerequisite for the implementation of results-based actions. During their discussions, participants also identified several issues that require further elaboration such as addressing the fragmentation of financing and possible guidance to the GCF and other financing institutions.

We are pleased to inform you that our report on the workshops is now available for your perusal (Document symbol: FCCC/CP/2013/5). It can be found at the following link:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/cop19/eng/05.pdf>



All presentations made at the workshops can be found here:

<http://unfccc.int/7376>

We would like to express our appreciation to the Parties, observer groups (from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations) and experts who have contributed substantively to the discussions at the workshops. We are delighted to have worked with all concerned in a positive and constructive atmosphere in our endeavour to address the issues related to results-based financing for REDD-plus. The valuable exchanges of views and ideas and insights gained will contribute significantly to our work on results-based finance at COP 19 in Warsaw.

We look forward to your continuous constructive participation in the discussions of the work programme in Warsaw, with the aim of achieving a successful outcome, including forwarding a draft decision on the matter to the COP for its consideration and adoption.

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