

## **Submission of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG) on the third meeting of the Structured Expert Dialogue of the Second Periodic Review**

The EIG is pleased to submit its views on the third meeting of the Structured Expert Dialogue (PR2-SED 3), in response to the call for submissions of decision FCCC/SB/2021/L.3 Para. 6.

Parties decided in Decision 5/CP.25 of the scope of the second Periodic Review: the second periodic review 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 long-term global goal 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 long-term global goal and the range of associated impacts, since the completion of the 2013–2015 review;
- iii. Challenges and opportunities for achieving the long-term global goal with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention;

(b) Assess the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the long-term global goal in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention;

Similarly 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. The EIG is of the view that, in line with the PR modality to consider information as it becomes available, PR2-SED3 should focus on the content of the WGII and III contribution to the IPCC's AR6<sup>1</sup>. PR2-SED 3 should focus exclusively on inputs by scientists, to present the latest available science. IPCC Lead Authors should be invited to present the main findings of the WG II and III contributions to the IPCC AR6 reports. Presentations could highlight new findings, especially those that are pertinent for policy-making. Additionally, presentations could identify those areas where additional research is necessary. In order to respect the focus of the PR, non-science-based organizations and regional networks should be invited to make their interventions from the floor. In order to have time for both presentations and interventions it could be useful to have more time than the PR2-SED1 and 2. Sending out presentation summaries and presentations slides in a timely manner prior to the PR-SED3 will make it more accessible and easier to follow and comment (based on our PR-SED2 experiences).

The EIG suggests avoiding duplications and promoting complementarity and synergies between the Structured Expert Dialogue and the Technical Dialogue of the Global Stocktake, for example through joint presentations to the PR-SED3 and Technical Dialogue of the WG II and III contributions to the IPCC AR6.

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<sup>1</sup> We note that the IPCC Synthesis Report will be published between the first and second sessional period of 2022.