

Decision -/CP.21

The 2013–2015 review

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 2 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16, paragraphs 138 and 139, 1/CP.17, paragraph 6, 2/CP.17, paragraphs 157–167, and 1/CP.18, paragraphs 79–91,

1. *Takes note* of the work of the structured expert dialogue, which contributed to completing the phases of the 2013–2015 review reflected in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 164, and of the report on the structured expert dialogue,¹ including the 10 messages highlighted therein;
2. *Expresses* its appreciation and gratitude to all those involved in the structured expert dialogue;
3. *Notes* that the structured expert dialogue completed its work, as described in decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 86–89;
4. *Decides*, in relation to the adequacy of the long-term global goal, and in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention, that the goal is to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;
5. *Also decides* that, in the light of the overall progress made towards achieving the long-term global goal, including consideration of the implementation of the commitments under the Convention, Parties should act urgently and ambitiously under the Convention while recognizing the technological, economic and institutional challenges;
6. *Notes* that, although some progress has already been made by UNFCCC bodies in scaling up financial, technological and capacity-building support, significant gaps still exist in terms of both the scale and speed of such progress;
7. *Also notes* that there continue to be information gaps in relation to the areas covered within the scope of the 2013–2015 review as set out in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 79;
8. *Encourages* the scientific community to address information and research gaps identified during the structured expert dialogue, including scenarios that limit warming to below 1.5 °C relative to pre-industrial levels by 2100 and the range of impacts at the regional and local scales associated with those scenarios;
9. *Recalls* that the next periodic review should be conducted in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 167, and *agrees* that the next periodic review should be conducted in an effective and efficient manner, avoid duplication of work, and take into account the results of relevant work conducted under the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the subsidiary bodies;
10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the scope of the next periodic review,

¹ FCCC/SB/2015/INF.1.

referred to in paragraph 9 above, with a view to forwarding a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties by no later than 2018, as appropriate;

11. *Agrees* to reconvene the structured expert dialogue in conjunction with the next periodic review;

12. *Notes* that the first periodic review fulfilled its mandate, as contained in decisions 1/CP.16, paragraphs 138 and 139, 1/CP.17, paragraph 6, 2/CP.17, paragraphs 157–167, and 1/CP.18, paragraphs 79–91.
