



COMPILATION OF COMMENTS
SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
ON THE
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INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAM

NOTE: This document is a compilation of comments submitted to the Secretariat by Council members concerning the project proposals presented in the August 2013 GEF Special Intersessional Work Program

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General Comments

✓ Canada's Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to review the August 2013 Special Intersessional Work Program, which Canada is pleased to approve. That said, we have a few general comments regarding National Communications (NC) and Biennial Update Reports (BUR), both within the current work program and looking ahead.

- We appreciate the substantial effort made by the proponent countries to complete their NC and their BUR within the amount of resources allocated for these activities. This is particularly impressive for Thailand and Malaysia, both of which are large emitters relative to their size.
- At the same time, we also note variability regarding the funding requests for climate change reporting, among the six countries in the intersessional work program and more generally. In our view, the funding requests should be reasonable and focus on building internal capacity (institutional and technical), such that countries develop systems and capacities to generate national reports and strategies. In this regard, Ecuador and Malaysia emphasized the importance of creating permanent national teams and institutionalizing the BUR/NC process. We recommend that that the other four proposals be enhanced by placing an emphasis on these elements, and that henceforth all BUR/NC proposals address these elements.

1. **Ecuador - Third National Communication (TNC) and First Biennial Update Report (BUR)** – UNDP - GEF ID = 5478

✓ USA's Comments

- Will the climate monitoring mentioned on page 17 be limited to hydro-meteorological networks? If so, what is the rationale?
- With regard to the interpretation of climate models (page 18), is it necessary to formulate consensus or only a degree of consensus? Who is required to participate in this consensus and what are the criteria for inclusion? We note that the interpretation of climate models has historically been a challenge outside of the scientific community due to the possibility of politicization.

2. Jamaica - Third National Communication (TNC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC – UNDP - GEF ID = 5476

✓ **Canada's Comments**

- We recommend that the country proposal be enhanced by addressing and emphasizing the importance of creating permanent national teams and institutionalizing the BUR/NC process.

3. Malaysia - Third National Communications (TNC) to the UNFCCC and Biennial Update Reporting (BUR) – UNDP - GEF ID = 5296

✓ **USA's Comments**

- Who creates the status survey questions on biannual progress (page 18) and to whom are they sent?

4. Paraguay - Third National Communication on Climate Change and First Biennial Update Report – UNDP - GEF ID = 5475

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5. Thailand - Third National Communication (TNC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC - UNDP - GEF ID = 5370

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6. Yemen – Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC – UNDP - GEF ID = 5474

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- We recommend that the country proposal be enhanced by addressing and emphasizing the importance of creating permanent national teams and institutionalizing the BUR/NC process.