

Glasgow Climate Conference – Nov 3, 2021

RINGO Notes

Session: Second periodic review (PR2) of the long-term global goal (LTGG) under the Conv. and of overall progress toward achieving it (SBSTA item 10(b)/SBI item 7)

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These notes are incomplete due to frequent interruptions in the streaming.

Background: Per 5/CP.25, PR2 (2020-2023) is focusing on 2 themes (with the agreement that PR2 “will not result in a reinterpretation or redefinition of the LTGG”):

1. Enhance Parties’ understanding of: a) the LTGG and scenarios toward achieving it; b) progress made in relation to addressing information and knowledge gaps, including with scenarios to achieve the LTGG and the range of associated impacts; and c) challenges and opportunities for achieving the LTGG with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Conv.
2. Assess the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Parties in order to achieve the LTGG in the light of the ultimate objective of the Conv.

The PR is informed by the Structured Expert Dialogue ([SED](#)), an engagement between experts and Parties (and others) on the latest climate science, in order to ensure the scientific integrity of the PR. This first COP26 session on PR2 follows 2 days of the second meeting of the SED which considered the IPCC WG1 AR6 report, UNEP Emissions Gap Report, the SCF’s BA4 Summary, and WMO-led regional reports on climate trends/impacts, plus panels and posters.

Co-Facilitators (Una May Gordon (Jamaica), Frank McGovern (Ireland)) opened with welcomes, “Leave no Party behind” message, and appreciations to SED co-facilitators and their [SED1 Summary report](#) issued in September. They also invited Parties to make use, if so desired, of their own [Informal Note](#) following the June PR2 informals. Goal = draft text by end of day, Friday, in order to be translated and ready for Saturday SBs.

Takeaways:

- A number of Parties appreciated the strong value of the SED, highlighting that PR2 cannot occur without the rigorous science it provides, while also emphasizing the need for additional time to engage with experts going forward.
- A number of Party groups and Parties were not pleased that the SED merged the 2 themes, and emphasized the need to address this, including providing equal focus on each, and taking into account all elements, not just physical impacts, in particular, including effects of implementation efforts. The work should stay focused on evaluating achievement of the LTGG.
- Along those same lines, LMDCs, Arab Group and ABU expressed concern that the PR2 is not fulfilling the mandate of the Convention, noting gaps, particularly in not addressing the fulfillment of climate commitments (e.g., Art. 4.2) and sustainable development (referring both to this process and the SED)

- One developed Party group noted with concern the politicized exchanges in SED over last 2 days, contrary to the intent when the SED was established = distinguish technical from the political.
- Most Party groups voiced willingness to work from the co-facilitators' informal note, though several noted that additional elements should be included (specific mention= MOI, economics, equity of national efforts).
 - A few Party groups recommended adding process elements in draft conclusions (steps, contact group, placeholder for AR6 WGII and III reports, ...)