



## Foreword

This *U.S. Climate Action Report 2014* (2014 CAR) contains two documents that respond to reporting requirements under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC): (1) the *Sixth National Communication of the United States of America*, which is provided in accordance with Articles 4 and 12 of the UNFCCC and accompanying decisions,<sup>1</sup> and (2) the *First Biennial Report of the United States of America*. The Biennial Report outlines how U.S. action on climate change puts the United States on a path to reach its commitments in Copenhagen, Cancún, and Durban, covering the period up to 2020, and contains additional reporting information as specified in decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 (Annex I), and 19/CP.18.

These two reports are separate, but complementary, communications to the UNFCCC. Some of the information in the 2014 CAR and Biennial Report is duplicative, in order for the United States to meet its reporting requirements and ensure that each document is complete.

This 2014 CAR also reflects extensive public comments, as well as edits from more than 21 federal agencies during four rounds of interagency review.

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<sup>1</sup> The following decisions provide rules and guidance to assist Parties to the UNFCCC in preparing their National Communications, among other things: 3/CP.1, 2/CP.1, 9/CP.2, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 6/CP.5, 5/CP.5, 4/CP.5, 3/CP.5, 34/CP.7, 33/CP.7, 4/CP.8, 1/CP.9, 10/CP.13, 9/CP.16, 20/CP.18.