

**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION
UNDER THE CONVENTION
Intersessional informal consultations
Bonn, 10–14 August 2009**

Scenario note by the Chair

1. The intersessional informal consultations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) will be held in Bonn, Germany, from Monday, 10 August to Friday, 14 August 2009 as decided by the AWG-LCA at its fifth session.¹
2. The AWG-LCA concluded its sixth session by producing a revised negotiating text, compiling inputs provided by Parties, which is contained in FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/INF.1. This permits the start of a new phase of its work – based on that text – that will begin at the intersessional informal consultations (Bonn, 10–14 August) and continue through the first part of its seventh session (Bangkok, 28 September to 9 October). The ‘August informals’ may thus be considered as the first part of a three-week phase of negotiations and the work on the revised text planned accordingly. The informals will also provide a timely occasion for Parties to enrich the negotiations with fresh insights arising from their reflections and interactions since the close of the sixth session.
3. In organizing the work of the informal meeting the Chair will apply the conclusions that are reflected in the report on the sixth session.² These conclusions provide for the work to be undertaken in open-ended informal groups encompassing, in their entirety, all aspects of decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan), namely groups on adaptation, mitigation, technology development and transfer (with capacity-building), financing and shared vision, with the elements contained in paragraph 1 (b) (iii–vi) of the Bali Action Plan being assigned to subgroups of the mitigation group.
4. The Chair will make arrangements for the facilitation and coordination of the work of these groups. The respective facilitators will launch the work of each group with an overview of the structure and content of the text assigned to it and make suggestions on the manner in which the Parties could start work on issues in the text. While it would not be reasonable to expect the outcome of a single week’s work to reflect a symmetrical advance across the board, Parties may seek such balance over the whole three-week period.
5. The text contains a number of suggestions by Parties related to structure and placement of issues, either within a section or cutting across the text as a whole. Some of these suggestions are mutually exclusive. In the case where changes to the existing structure cannot readily be agreed on, it is suggested to work on the content as presented and revisit questions of structure and placement at a later stage.
6. The Chair will set the timetable for group meetings for the first part of the week. In extending the timetable into the second part of the week, the Chair will seek advice from the other facilitators in order to allow for the most effective use of time.
7. The proposed outcome of the informal week will be a further revision of the text, reflecting its consideration by the Parties and modifying it in the direction of consolidation and convergence. This further revision would be translated into the official languages of the United Nations in time for its consideration at the Bangkok session.

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/5, paragraph 28.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/10, paragraph 18.

8. The work of the informal groups will be framed by three informal plenary meetings, namely a brief opening meeting in the morning of Monday, 10 August 2009, a mid-week stocktaking meeting on Wednesday afternoon and a brief closing meeting in the afternoon of Friday, 14 August. In the opening meeting, the Chair does not intend to invite statements from Parties or observers but rather to move directly to the organization of work on the text. The mid-week stocktaking meeting could also be used for considering structural or ‘architectural’ questions relating to the text as a whole, and cross-cutting elements such as proposals for institutional arrangements within the UNFCCC ambit.

9. Arrangements have been made for interpretation to be provided when required at meetings that take place in the main plenary hall at the Hotel Maritim (Plenary I). These will include the opening, mid-week and closing plenary meetings and the first meeting of each of the five main groups.

10. The Chair intends to hold informal consultations, together with the Vice-Chair, on the organization of work of the first part of the seventh session of the AWG-LCA. The Chair will also convene a further informal consultation on the legal form of the agreed outcome.

11. In making proposals for the organization of work at the Bangkok session, the Chair will take account of the experience gained during the ‘August informals’ and of the advice of the facilitators who exercised their functions during that week, including on the possible need for additional subgroups.

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