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In session workshops

2,3 and 5 June 2008

In-session workshops at the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Information note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. At the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) Parties agreed¹ to seek progress on all elements assigned to the Working Group by decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan), in a coherent, integrated and transparent manner. It was further agreed that the work of the AWG-LCA should be facilitated by workshops and other activities to deepen understanding and clarify elements contained in the Bali Action Plan. Accordingly, the AWG-LCA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair in consultation with Parties, to organize three workshops at the second session of the AWG-LCA, as follows:

- Advancing adaptation through finance and technology, including national adaptation programmes of actions (NAPAs);
- Investment and financial flows to address climate change;
- Effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of obstacles to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, the scaling up of the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies; and ways to accelerate deployment, diffusion and transfer of affordable environmentally sound technologies.

II. Scope of the note

2. This note seeks to inform Parties about the general objectives, focus and structure of the workshops in order to facilitate active and concrete contributions by Parties to the workshops.

III. General objectives and approach to the workshops

3. The objective of the workshops is to deepen understanding and clarify elements contained in the Bali Action Plan. The general approach to the workshops presented below was developed under the

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3.

guidance of the Chair of the AWG-LCA in consultation with Parties as outlined in the scenario note by the Chair of the AWG-LCA.²

4. The workshops will be organized to provide for interactive exchange and enhancing understanding of the concerns and position of Parties, which in turn contributes to the emergence of a common understanding of what needs to be negotiated in order to reach an agreed outcome. The Bali Action Plan will guide the discussions during the workshops.

5. The workshops will be Party-driven, meaning that substantive discussions will rely primarily on inputs from Parties. The discussion at the workshops should be informed by, and take into account ongoing and previous work under the Convention and other information that Parties may consider useful. The paper on the ongoing work under the Convention,³ the Chair's summary of the views expressed at the first session of the AWG-LCA⁴ and submissions from Parties and organizations⁵ should serve as inputs into the discussions at the workshops.

IV. Organization of work and expected outcome

6. The schedule for the workshops, including relevant elements from Bali Action Plan to guide the discussion, is presented in the annex. The workshops will be organized to ensure that all of the relevant issues are covered and that the discussion is focused. An equal time of 4 hours 30 minutes will be allocated for each of the workshops.

7. Overview presentations on related activities under the Convention by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice or by the secretariat will be made at the beginning of each workshop. These presentations will be followed by interventions from Parties and subsequently by in-depth discussions guided by the relevant elements of the Bali Action Plan (see annex).

8. All Parties are invited to contribute to the interactive exchange at the workshops. This places the onus on Parties to bring to the workshop their ideas and proposals for concrete ways to realize the mandates set by the Bali Action Plan. To the extent possible, Parties are encouraged to make proposals on how to address these issues in the context of the Bali Action Plan. Parties are invited to make either brief and focused presentations on proposals (no more than for 10 minutes and, if needed, no more than five slides) or to make short interventions (no more than 3 minutes). Parties intending to make presentations on proposals are invited to inform the secretariat in advance so that the Chair may group presentations on related topics together.⁶

9. The Chair or the Vice Chair of the AWG-LCA will chair the workshops and prepare summaries of the views expressed at each workshop in order to assist consideration of the respective issues by Parties at the AWG-LCA 2. These summaries will also be included in the Chair's summary of the session.

V. Date and venue

10. The second session of the AWG-LCA will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 2 to 12 June 2008. The workshops will be held at the Maritime Hotel on June 2, June 3 and June 5.⁷

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/7.

³ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/INF.1.

⁴ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/6.

⁵ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.1.

⁶ Parties wishing to make PowerPoint presentations are invited to send them to the secretariat at <Irocca@unfccc.int> as soon as possible but not later than 1 June 2008.

⁷ The exact location will be announced through the AWG-LCA 2 Daily Programme.

Annex

In-session workshops under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Schedule

Title	Workshop on advancing adaptation through finance and technology, including national adaptation programmes of actions (NAPAs)
Timing	Monday, 2 June 2008 from 15.00 to 18.00 and Tuesday, 3 June from 10.00 to 11.30
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening by the Chair – 10 minutes• Introduction by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice: presentations on related ongoing and completed work under the Convention – 20 minutes• Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties – 3 hours 50 minutes• Concluding remarks by the Chair – 10 minutes
Issues identified in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– International cooperation to support urgent implementation of adaptation actions, including through:¹<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vulnerability assessments▪ Prioritization of actions▪ Financial needs assessments▪ Capacity-building and response strategies▪ Integration of adaptation actions into sectoral and national planning▪ Specific projects and programmes, including NAPAs▪ Means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions▪ Other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability– Economic diversification to build resilience– Urgent and immediate needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, especially least developed countries and small island developing States, and the needs of countries in Africa affected by drought, desertification and floods

¹ Issues of 1/CP.13 relating to risk management and disaster risk reduction strategies will be dealt with at a separate workshop to be held in December 2008 in Poznan, Poland.

Title	Workshop on effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of obstacles to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, the scaling up of the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies; and ways to accelerate deployment, diffusion and transfer of affordable environmentally sound technologies
Timing	Tuesday, 3 June from 11.30 to 18.00 (with a lunch break from 13.00 -15.00)
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening by the Chair – 10 minutes• Introduction by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice: presentations on related ongoing and completed work under the Convention – 20 minutes• Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties – 3 hours 50 minutes• Concluding remarks by the Chair – 10 minutes
Issues identified in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of obstacles to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, the scaling up of the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies– Ways to accelerate deployment, diffusion and transfer of affordable environmentally sound technologies

Title	Workshop on investment and financial flows to address climate change
Timing	Thursday, 5 June from 10.00 to 16.30 (with lunch break from 13.00 -15.00)
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by the Chair – 10 minutes • Introduction by the secretariat: presentation of overall results of the work undertaken on finance and investment flows to address climate change – 20 minutes • Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties – 3 hours 50 minutes • Concluding remarks by the Chair – 10 minutes
Issues identified in decision 1/CP.1.3 (the Bali Action Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Improved access to adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources and financial and technical support, and the provision of new and additional resources, including official and concessional funding for developing country Parties – Positive incentives for developing country Parties for the enhanced implementation of national mitigation strategies and adaptation action – Innovative means of funding to assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change in meeting the cost of adaptation – Means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions on the basis of sustainable development policies – Mobilization of public- and private-sector funding and investment, including facilitation of climate-friendly investment choices – Financial and technical support for capacity-building in the assessment of the costs of adaptation in developing countries, in particular the most vulnerable ones, to aid in determining their financial needs
