



**UNITED  
NATIONS**



**Framework Convention  
on Climate Change**

Distr.  
GENERAL

FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/10  
25 July 2008

Original: ENGLISH

---

**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION  
UNDER THE CONVENTION**

**Third session**

**Accra, 21–27 August 2008**

**Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda**

**Organizational matters**

**Organization of the work of the session**

**Scenario note on the third session**

**Note by the Chair\***

**I. Introduction**

1. The third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) will be held in Accra, Ghana, from Thursday, 21 August to Wednesday, 27 August 2008, in conjunction with the first part of the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. The purpose of this note is to share with delegations the plans and expectations of the Chair of the AWG-LCA for the session, focusing on the organization of work. The secretariat has issued annotations to the provisional agenda for the session.<sup>1</sup>

**II. Arrangements to advance the work on the elements of the  
Bali Action Plan**

2. The AWG-LCA, at its first session, agreed to undertake its work, seeking progress on all the elements assigned to it by the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13), in a coherent, integrated and transparent manner, and to organize its work at each session to include each of the elements.<sup>2</sup>

3. At its second session, the AWG-LCA focused its work on building common understanding of the elements of the Bali Action Plan. Parties presented a number of concrete ideas and proposals on how to address the shared vision, mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance. This progress in developing a common understanding is captured in the Chair's summary of the session.<sup>3</sup> The AWG-LCA concluded

---

\* This document was submitted after the due date because it took longer than expected to finalize it.

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/9.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 24.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/11.

this useful session by inviting Parties to submit specific textual proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan, taking into account the interlinkages among the elements and the specific subparagraphs under each element.<sup>4</sup>

4. As agreed by the group at its first session, two workshops will be held in Accra, namely on:

- (a) Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention;
- (b) Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

5. The workshops will be based on the approach taken at the group's second session. The objective of the workshops remains to deepen understanding and clarify elements contained in the Bali Action Plan and to enhance understanding of the concerns and position of Parties. This should in turn contribute to the emergence of a common view of what needs to be negotiated in order to reach an agreed outcome. The Bali Action Plan will guide these discussions. The annex to this note lists the relevant elements for each of the workshops.

6. The workshops will be Party-driven, meaning that substantive discussions will rely primarily on inputs from Parties. All Parties are invited to contribute to the interactive exchange and to bring to the workshops their ideas and proposals for concrete ways to realize the promise of the Bali Action Plan. Parties are invited to make either brief and focused presentations on proposals (no more than 10 minutes and, if needed, no more than five slides) or to make short interventions (no more than three 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.<sup>5</sup>

7. The workshops will be chaired by the Chair or the Vice-Chair, who will prepare a summary of the views expressed at each workshop to inform further work on these issues. These summaries will be issued as conference room papers during the session and will also be integrated into the Chair's summary of the session.

8. The AWG-LCA will need to continue to make progress on all elements of the Bali Action Plan. Time will be allocated to this end during plenary meetings and in more informal settings.

9. The AWG-LCA will meet in an opening plenary in the morning of Thursday, 21 August 2008 and then proceed to the first in-session workshop in the afternoon. At the opening plenary, the AWG-LCA will take up the organization of work within the session and consideration of a work programme for 2009 (items 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the provisional agenda) and then move to the main substantive item on the provisional agenda, on enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012 (item 3). This item will also be taken up in a plenary meeting on Saturday, 23 August, after the completion of the two in-session workshops.

10. To take forward the substantive discussions of the first two sessions of the AWG-LCA, the Chair suggests that the work of the third session of the AWG-LCA should move a step further in focusing the debate on concrete ideas and proposals. The Chair believes that issues related to mitigation and

---

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/8, paragraph 27.

<sup>5</sup> Parties wishing to make presentations are invited to contact the secretariat at <mhenry@unfccc.int> as soon as possible but not later than 20 August 2008.

adaptation should be examined in conjunction with the identification of concrete needs in the associated enabling and supporting elements of technology development and transfer, and financing and investment. The Chair also believes that there should be a separate space for the consideration of institutional aspects related to proposals of arrangements and frameworks for enhanced cooperation on technology and financing.

11. The Chair therefore proposes that the AWG-LCA, during its opening plenary, establish three contact groups for this session to consider:

- (a) Enhanced action on adaptation and the associated enabling and supporting action on technology development and transfer and on the provision of financial resources and investment;
- (b) Enhanced action on mitigation and the associated enabling and supporting action on technology development and transfer and on the provision of financial resources and investment;
- (c) Institutional arrangements for delivering enhanced cooperation on technology and financing for adaptation and mitigation.

12. The theme of enhanced action on adaptation and the associated enabling and supporting action would encapsulate all the subparagraphs of paragraph 1 (c) of the Bali Action Plan and the subparagraphs of 1 (d) and 1 (e) insofar as they relate to enhanced action on adaptation, and would build upon the themes identified in the Chair's summary of the views expressed during the second session.<sup>6</sup>

13. The theme of enhanced action on mitigation and the associated enabling and supporting action would encapsulate all the subparagraphs of paragraph 1 (b) of the Bali Action Plan and the subparagraphs of 1 (d) and 1 (e) insofar as they relate to enhanced action on mitigation, and would build upon the themes identified in the Chair's summary of the views expressed during the second session.<sup>7</sup>

14. The cross-cutting theme of institutional arrangements for delivering enhanced cooperation on technology and financing for adaptation and mitigation provides the AWG-LCA with an opportunity to consider in greater depth the structural aspects of ideas and proposals presented during its first two meetings, and possibly of other proposals yet to be presented, related to financing and technology cooperation. Some ideas are of a general nature (e.g. global funds for mitigation and adaptation, including financing technology cooperation; institutional frameworks for technology transfer under the Convention), while others are more specific (e.g. funds for financing adaptation actions in developing countries). Their separate consideration will allow for discussion of a more technical nature on issues such as structure, membership, governance and other elements related to the establishment of possible new funds or institutional frameworks under the Convention.

15. The tasks of the three contact groups would be to explore in greater detail the proposals on the table with a view to starting to identify concrete common elements for enhanced action on adaptation and mitigation and the associated enabling and supporting actions for an agreed outcome to be reached at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP).

16. Adequate time will also be allotted during the plenary meeting on 23 August for consideration of the elements of the Bali Action Plan not covered by the contact groups.

17. The Chair has asked the Vice-Chair to continue his consultations on the work programme for 2009. The AWG-LCA began its consideration of the work programme at the second session by

---

<sup>6</sup> As in footnote 3.

<sup>7</sup> As in footnote 3.

considering and reaching conclusions on organizational aspects relating to the planning and scheduling of its work in 2009. The AWG-LCA needs to conclude its consideration of the work programme for 2009 no later than at its fourth meeting in Poznan in December. Some attention will therefore need to be given in Accra to this issue.

18. Recalling the request of the COP at its thirteenth session for the AWG-LCA to report to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made,<sup>8</sup> the Chair intends to consult informally with Parties in Accra on the approach to the preparation of the progress report for COP 14.

---

<sup>8</sup> Decision 1/CP.13, paragraph 9.

Annex

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

**Table 1. Workshop on cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention**

Timing	Thursday, 21 August 2008 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 22 August from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening by the chair – 10 minutes</li> <li>• Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties – 4 hours</li> <li>• Concluding remarks by the chair – 10 minutes</li> </ul>
Relevant issues in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention</li> <li>• The effectiveness of mechanisms and tools for technology cooperation in specific sectors</li> </ul>

**Table 2. Workshop on policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries**

Timing	Friday, 22 August from 11.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (with a lunch break from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening by the chair – 10 minutes</li> <li>• Introduction by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice: presentation on progress in the related ongoing work under the Convention – 10 minutes</li> <li>• Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties – 4 hours</li> <li>• Concluding remarks by the chair – 10 minutes</li> </ul>
Relevant issues in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

-----