

Contribution of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development as an Observer to the Framework Convention on Climate Change to the document FCC/AWGLCA/2008/16, to be considered in the update of the assembly document

Taking into account the Saint Malo Declaration (see enclosed) adopted in the General Assembly Summit of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development last 28th of October 2008 calling in its article 10 for the explicit recognition of regional governments in the text of the Copenhagen agreement recognising the key role they are playing in mitigation and adaptation policies in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and capabilities.

Taking into account the document **FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/15** as a scenario note by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action under the convention (AWL-LCA) that stays in article 9 that:

9. The Chair's assembly document will seek to organize the ideas and proposals presented by the parties on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan taking into account the ideas and proposals presented by accredited observer organizations. [...] The closing date for submission of ideas and proposals for inclusion in the updates version of the assembly document is Saturday, 6 December.

The Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development as an observer to the Convention makes the following considerations to be added to the **FCC/AWGLCA/2008/16**, to be considered in the update of the assembly document

a) Article 13 (e)

Article 13. (e) Substitute "government" by "all spheres of governments including national, sub national and local".

b) Article 78 (d)

Article 78 The Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development makes the proposal to add a new (d):

78. (d) A post-2012 framework should include the essential role of sub national governments developing and putting into a practice the general measures established by the parties.

c) Article 120 (b) See below the suggested track changes:

120. (b) The UNFCCC should catalyse/leverage action at multiple levels **including all spheres of governments from national, to sub national and local and all stakeholders**, provide guidance/support for development of national adaptation programs, encourage flexible, practical approaches aimed at on-the ground results, and be consistent with UNFCCC obligations (United States, adaptation workshop), so as to orientate actions at all levels **including all spheres of governments from national, to sub national and local and all stakeholders** towards adaptation, and to generate resources for these efforts (United States, MISC.1). [...]