



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

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its fifth session, held in Bonn from 29 March to 8 April 2009

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A shared vision for long-term cooperative action		
Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change		
Enhanced action on adaptation		
Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation		

I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

A. Welcoming ceremony

1. The formal opening of the session was preceded by a welcoming ceremony to mark the opening of the seventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA).
2. Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Matthias Machnig, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, and by Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, who thanked the German Government for their generous financial support for this session.

B. Opening of the session

3. The fifth session of the AWG-LCA was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany, from 29 March to 8 April 2009.
4. The Chair of the AWG-LCA, Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar (Malta), opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. He also welcomed Mr. Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado (Brazil) as Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA and Ms. Lilian Portillo (Paraguay) as Rapporteur.
5. The Chair noted that this was the first session of the AWG-LCA in full negotiating mode as agreed by the AWG-LCA at its third session¹ and welcomed by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its fourteenth session.²
6. The Chair drew delegates' attention to the summary of views expressed at the fourth session of the AWG-LCA prepared by Mr. Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado in his capacity as Chair of the AWG-LCA³ and to the scenario note prepared by the Chair for the present session.⁴
7. The Chair informed Parties that, as agreed at its third session, the AWG-LCA would hold three in-session workshops.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

8. At its 1st meeting, on 29 March, the AWG-LCA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/1).
9. At the same meeting, the agenda was adopted as follows:
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Organizational matters:

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/12, paragraph 33.

² Decision 1/CP.14.

³ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/3

⁴ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/2.

- (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
3. Enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, by addressing, inter alia:
- (a) A shared vision for long-term cooperative action;
 - (b) Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change;
 - (c) Enhanced action on adaptation;
 - (d) Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation;
 - (e) Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation.
4. Other matters.
5. Report on the session.

10. Also at the 1st meeting, opening statements were made by representatives of 17 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the African Group, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), one on behalf of the least developed countries, one on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG).

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

11. The AWG-LCA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 29 March. It had before it document FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/2.

12. The Chair proposed that the AWG-LCA begin by taking up item 3 of the agenda followed by items 4 and 5, respectively. The AWG-LCA agreed to the proposed organization of work.

III. Enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, by addressing, inter alia:

(Agenda item 3)

A shared vision for long-term cooperative action

(Agenda item 3 (a))

Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change

(Agenda item 3 (b))

Enhanced action on adaptation

(Agenda item 3 (c))

Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation

(Agenda item 3 (d))

Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation

(Agenda item 3 (e))

13. The AWG-LCA considered these sub-items together at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 29 March and 8 April, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/3, FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/2, FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/4 (Parts I and II), FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.1 and Add.1–3, and FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.2.
14. At the 1st meeting, the Chair recalled that the AWG-LCA, at its fourth session, invited the Chair to prepare, under his own responsibility, a document for consideration at its fifth session, that would further focus the negotiating process on the fulfilment of the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13) and on the components of the agreed outcome to be adopted by the COP at its fifteenth session.⁵ The Chair introduced the document, which had been issued as document FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/4 (Parts I and II), and noted that he had presented this document in an informal pre-session event on 27 March 2009.
15. At the same meeting, the AWG-LCA agreed to establish four contact groups for its fifth session, on:
- (a) A shared vision for long-term cooperative action, chaired by the Chair of the AWG-LCA;
 - (b) Enhanced action on adaptation and its associated means of implementation, co-chaired by Mr. William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu (Ghana) and Mr. Thomas Kolly (Switzerland);
 - (c) Enhanced action on mitigation and its associated means of implementation, chaired by the Chair of the AWG-LCA;
 - (d) Delivering on technology and financing, including consideration of institutional arrangements, chaired by the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA.
16. The task of the contact groups was to focus their work on specific topics as decided by each contact group and to report to the AWG-LCA at its 2nd plenary meeting on the progress made. In chairing the contact group on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action the Chair of the AWG-LCA was supported by Mr. Antonio La Viña (Philippines) and Mr. Thomas Becker (Denmark).
17. Also at the 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. Furthermore, the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT), Mr. Arthur W. Rolle (Bahamas) was invited to give an overview of three advance reports prepared by the EGTT relevant to the work of the AWG-LCA under item 3 of the agenda, in particular to the enhanced action to technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation.⁶
18. The AWG-LCA held three in-session workshops between 31 March and 4 April on:
- (a) Subparagraphs 1 (b) (i) and 1 (b) (ii) of the Bali Action Plan, chaired by the Chair of the AWG-LCA;
 - (b) Economic and social consequences of response measures (para. 1 (b) (vi) of the Bali Action Plan), chaired by Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago);

⁵ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/17, paragraph 26.

⁶ FCCC/SB/2009/INF.1, FCCC/SB/2009/INF.2 and FCCC/SB/2009/INF.3.

- (c) Opportunities and challenges for mitigation in the agricultural sector, chaired by the Rapporteur of the AWG-LCA.

19. The chairs of the workshops prepared summaries of the views expressed at the workshops to inform the work of the AWG-LCA on the respective issues during the session. These summaries were issued as conference room papers⁷ and will be appended to the Chair's summary of the views expressed at the fifth session.

20. At the 2nd meeting, the chairs and co-chairs of the contact groups presented oral reports on the work of the contact groups and on the specific topics on which the respective groups had focussed their work. The Chair of the AWG-LCA noted that these oral reports will be the basis of the Chair's summary of views, which will capture the progress made in the contact groups.

21. At the same meeting, the Chair drew delegates' attention to the latest submissions received from Parties contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/MISC.1/Add.4.

22. The Chair thanked the chairs of the workshops and the chairs, co-chairs and facilitators of the contact groups for their valuable work.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

1. Proceedings

23. The AWG-LCA considered this item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 29 March and 8 April, respectively.

24. At the 1st meeting, the Chair recalled that the AWG-LCA, at its fourth session, requested its Chair to keep the need for additional meeting time in 2009 under review in consultation with Parties, the Bureau of the COP and the Executive Secretary.⁸ At the same meeting, the AWG-LCA agreed to consider this item in informal consultations facilitated by the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA. The AWG-LCA further agreed to consider the organization of work on the negotiating text at the sixth session of the AWG-LCA in informal consultations facilitated by the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA.

25. At its 2nd meeting, the Chair informed the AWG-LCA that, at the request of Parties, informal consultations on additional meeting time had been undertaken in conjunction with the consultations by the Chair of the AWG-KP on the same issue. The AWG-LCA considered conclusions⁹ proposed by the Chair and adopted them as amended in the course of the meeting.

26. At the same meeting, statements were made by three Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries.

2. Conclusions

27. The AWG-LCA recalled its conclusion at its fourth session on the work programme for 2009 requesting its Chair to keep the need for additional meeting time in 2009 under review in consultation with Parties, the Bureau of the COP and the Executive Secretary, and to propose any action that might need to be taken by the AWG-LCA in a manner that would ensure the effective participation of all

⁷ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/CRP.1, FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/CRP.2 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/CRP.3.

⁸ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/17, paragraph 28.

⁹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/L.2.

Parties, in particular developing country Parties.¹⁰ It noted that its Chair has obtained full information from the Executive Secretary regarding the availability of additional conference facilities and services in 2009 and, on that basis, has initiated consultations with Parties through his scenario note on its fifth session¹¹ and completed them during the session, when he had also reported progress to the Bureau of the COP.

28. Having assessed the work required of it to enable the COP to reach an agreed outcome at its fifteenth session in accordance with the Bali Action Plan, the AWG-LCA determined that the provision of additional meeting time in between the sessions already scheduled up to COP 15¹² would facilitate the successful completion of its work. It therefore requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary funding and of adequate resources for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process:

- (a) An informal meeting from 10 to 14 August in Bonn, Germany;
- (b) A resumed seventh session of the AWG-LCA from 2 to 6 November at a location to be announced as soon as possible.¹³

29. The AWG-LCA took note of information provided by the Executive Secretary on the type of conference services normally provided to informal meetings. It confirmed its understanding that:

- (a) The organization of its work at the informal meeting and the resumed seventh session referred to in paragraph 28 above will be decided by the AWG-LCA at its sixth session and the first part of its seventh session, respectively, and will address all aspects of the Bali Action Plan in a balanced manner;
- (b) Time for regional coordination will be available before and during the above-mentioned meetings;
- (c) Interpretation will be provided for the informal meeting, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the regular practice under the UNFCCC;
- (d) With regard to the informal meeting, observer organizations and the media will be able to register and attend meetings in accordance with current practice, including that reflected in decision 18/CP.4;
- (e) Any documents required for the informal meeting or the resumed seventh session will be made available by the secretariat as early as possible, preferably two weeks in advance of the meeting or session for which they are submitted.

30. The AWG-LCA noted that, on account of the informal nature of the meeting to be held from 10 to 14 August, any decisions or conclusions required in advance of the first part of its seventh session pertaining to the organization of that session or to preparatory work for it will need to be reached at its sixth session.

¹⁰ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/17, paragraph 28.

¹¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/2.

¹² The sixth session of the AWG-LCA will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 1 to 12 June 2009, the seventh session will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 28 September to 9 October 2009 and COP 15 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 7 to 18 December 2009.

¹³ The secretariat informed the AWG-LCA that conference facilities in Bonn and at other United Nations venues would not be available during that period.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

31. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 April, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted the draft report on its fifth session.¹⁴ At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the AWG-LCA authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Chair.

VI. Closure of the session

32. At the 2nd meeting, the Chair thanked the Vice-Chair, the Rapporteur and the secretariat for their work. The Chair also thanked delegates for their contributions. Statements were made by representatives of 16 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the EIG, one on behalf of AOSIS, one on behalf of the least developed countries, one on behalf of the European Community and its member States, one on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries. Statements were also made on behalf of trade union non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the indigenous peoples' organizations, environmental NGOs, and the youth delegation.

¹⁴ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/L.1.

Annex

**Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term
Cooperative Action under the Convention
at its fifth session**

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/2	Scenario note on the fifth session. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/3	Summary of views expressed during the fourth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/4 (Parts I and II)	Fulfilment of the Bali Action Plan and components of the agreed outcome. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/MISC.1 and Add.1–3 and Add.4 and Add.4/Corr.1	Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/MISC.2	Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/L.1	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its fifth session
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/L.2	Other matters. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/CRP.1	Workshop on economic and social consequences of response measures. Report by the chair of the workshop
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/CRP.2	Report on the workshop on opportunities and challenges for mitigation in the agricultural sector. Summary by the chair of the workshop
FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/CRP.3	Workshop on subparagraphs 1 (b) (i) and 1 (b) (ii) of the Bali Action Plan. Report by the chair of the workshop

Other documents before the session

FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/17	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its fourth session, held in Poznan from 1 to 10 December 2008
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/16/Rev.1	Ideas and proposals on paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Revised note by the Chair
FCCC/TP/2008/8	Challenges and opportunities for mitigation in the agricultural sector. Technical paper

- FCCC/SB/2009/INF.1 Advance report on a strategy paper for the long-term perspective beyond 2012, including sectoral approaches, to facilitate the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of technologies under the Convention. Note by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer
- FCCC/SB/2009/INF.2 Advance report on recommendations on future financing options for enhancing the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of technologies under the Convention. Note by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer
- FCCC/SB/2009/INF.3 Advance report on performance indicators to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the technology transfer framework. Note by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer
