



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

Sixth session

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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters

Organization of the work of the session

Scenario note on the sixth session

Note by the Chair*

1. The sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) will be held in Bonn, Germany, from Monday, 1 June to Friday, 12 June 2009. The secretariat has issued annotations to the provisional agenda for the session.¹ The purpose of this note is to share with delegations the initial ideas of the Chair of the AWG-LCA on the organization of work of the session.

Consideration of the Chair's negotiating text and drafting work on the elements of the agreed outcome

2. At its fourth session, the AWG-LCA invited its Chair to prepare, under his own responsibility, a negotiating text for consideration at its sixth session, taking account of the proceedings of the AWG-LCA at its fifth session.² The negotiating text prepared by the Chair encompasses all aspects of the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13) and is contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/8. The introduction to that document indicates the sources that were drawn upon in compiling it and explains the approach taken in its preparation – indicating what the negotiating text seeks to convey and what it does not.

3. Having sought to reflect ideas and proposals by Parties in the negotiating text in a structured and comprehensive but concise manner, the Chair presents the text as a starting point for the negotiations at the sixth session. The Chair hopes that the text will help the AWG-LCA to commence drafting the substantive content of the agreed outcome of its work under the Bali Action Plan.

4. As indicated to the AWG-LCA at its fifth session, the Chair will invite the group to undertake a comprehensive first reading of the negotiating text in one setting. The Chair considers that this would

* This document was submitted after the due date because there was insufficient time to finalize it before the document deadline.

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/6.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/17, paragraphs 26 and 27.

facilitate the balanced consideration of Parties' ideas and proposals relating to all aspects of the Bali Action Plan, permitting an overview of their inter-relationships. Such a first reading would also allow for an initial exchange of views, reactions and comments on the sections of the text relating to the different elements of the Bali Action Plan, as a prelude to the necessary drafting work on the content of the agreed outcome.

5. The Chair proposes that this first reading of the negotiating text take place in an informal plenary setting, which would be provided with interpretation and would be open to observer organizations. If the formal opening plenary meeting on Monday, 1 June 2009 is sufficiently brief, the informal plenary could commence within the same meeting slot. Subsequently, the AWG-LCA will be invited to continue the first reading of the text in an informal plenary setting in the mornings and to devote the afternoons to detailed work on specific elements of the Bali Action Plan.

6. The Chair notes that Parties have continued to make submissions after the date (5 May) up to which such submissions could be reflected in the negotiating text and that several Parties have indicated their intention to bring forward additional proposals. All available submissions will be considered in conjunction with the first reading of the negotiating text and the drafting work during the session.

7. The Chair may make further organizational proposals at the opening plenary meeting after having consulted Parties prior to the session.

Informal consultations

8. Recent submissions from Parties reflect a number of options with respect to the legal form of the agreed outcome. A brief outline of the range of options proposed by Parties is contained in the introduction to the negotiating text.³ The Chair intends to convene informal consultations in order to enable Parties to exchange views on the legal form or forms that the agreed outcome could take, bearing in mind the political commitment undertaken by all Parties in the Bali Action Plan to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012.

9. The Chair also plans to hold informal consultations jointly with the Vice-Chair on the further organization of work, including the organization of work at the informal meeting from 10 to 14 August 2009 and the first part of the seventh session of the AWG-LCA from 28 September to 9 October 2009.

Technical briefing on historical responsibility and related concepts

10. In response to a request made by some Parties during the fifth session of the AWG-LCA, the Chair will organize a technical briefing to enable Parties to receive information and share views on the concept of historical responsibility as a guide to future action to address climate change. This event will take place on Thursday, 4 June 2009 from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. and will be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA. After a general introduction to this concept and its application in other areas, experts from delegations will make presentations on historical responsibility and related concepts. There will be time for questions and answers following these presentations. Further information on this event will be contained in the daily programme.

³ FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/8, paragraphs 14–17.