

**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 the second
part of its fifteenth session, held in Doha from 27 November
to 7 December 2012**

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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fifteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) was opened in Bonn, Germany, on 15 May 2012. The AWG-LCA held its 1st, 2nd and 3rd plenary meetings before the session was suspended on 24 May, as reflected in the report on the first part of the session, contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3. An informal additional session of the AWG-LCA was held at the United Nations Conference Centre of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, from 30 August to 5 September 2012, where Parties continued their discussions in an informal setting. At the end of that additional session, the Chair prepared an informal overview note.¹

2. The AWG-LCA resumed its fifteenth session at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, Qatar, which was held from 27 November to 7 December 2012. The Chair of the AWG-LCA, Mr. Aysar Tayeb (Saudi Arabia), opened the resumed session on 27 November and welcomed all Parties and observers to the 4th plenary meeting of the AWG-LCA.

3. The Chair expressed his appreciation to the people and Government of Qatar for the excellent arrangements made for the session. He recalled decision 1/CP.17, by which the Conference of the Parties (COP) had set out the objective of the AWG-LCA in a clear manner, which was to bring five years of fruitful work to a successful closure. He noted that, by the end of the session, the AWG-LCA should forward to the COP for adoption the results of its work, which, along with the decisions adopted by the COP at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions, would constitute the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan). The Chair also recalled the comprehensive evaluation of the original mandate of the AWG-LCA undertaken during the first part of the fifteenth session and that Parties had made good progress throughout the year in highlighting the significant achievements of the AWG-LCA as well as the remaining work that needed to be completed. He encouraged Parties to continue the work towards a successful closure and to move beyond national positions and look for compromise. The Chair expressed his confidence that, while the task ahead was not easy, it was a manageable task and that the AWG-LCA could and would deliver on it.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of 21 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), the European Union and its member States, a group of five Parties, the African States, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the least developed countries, the BASIC countries (Brazil, China, India and South Africa), the League of Arab States, the Group of Mountainous Landlocked Developing Countries, six Parties from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty, a number of Parties from the Coalition for Rainforest Nations and a group of 18 Parties. In addition, statements were made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs and by two representatives of environmental NGOs.

¹ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/6958>>.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(a))

5. The agenda for the fifteenth session of the AWG-LCA was adopted by the AWG-LCA at its 2nd meeting, on 17 May.²

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(b))

6. At its 4th meeting on 27 November, the AWG-LCA resumed its work on all substantive items and sub-items of the agenda on the basis of the organization of the work agreed by the AWG-LCA at its 2nd meeting. It had before it document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/4.

7. At the same meeting, the Chair informed delegates of his intention to hold stocktaking meetings, as necessary, in order to enable Parties to have a clear and complete overview of the work of the AWG-LCA. He also informed delegates of his intention to convene open-ended informal consultations, which would allow Parties to look across all issues and at how the different elements could fit together in the agreed outcome, as well as of his intention to consult bilaterally with groups of Parties, as needed, in order to facilitate solutions.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3, paragraph 9.

III. Preparation of an agreed comprehensive and balanced outcome to be presented to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its eighteenth session, to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, pursuant to decision 1/CP.13, taking into account decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions and recognizing that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention includes both implementation tasks and issues that are still to be concluded

(Agenda item 3)

Review: further definition of its scope and development of its modalities

(Agenda item 4)

Other matters

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

8. The AWG-LCA considered these agenda items jointly at its 4th and 5th meetings, on 27 November and 7 December, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/4, FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.3 through to FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.16, FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.1 through to FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.9 and the relevant addenda, FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.1 through to FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.10, FCCC/TP/2012/3 through to FCCC/TP/2012/5 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.4

9. At the 4th meeting, the Chair informed Parties that the material related to the work of the AWG-LCA at its fifteenth session was available on the UNFCCC website³ and on the PaperSmart portal. In addition, he recalled his informal overview note, which was issued at the end of the informal additional session of the AWG-LCA⁴ in an effort to capture the status of the discussions, exchanges and proposals of Parties at that point in time.

10. Further, the Chair drew the attention of the AWG-LCA to document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.3, containing an informal overview text that had been prepared by the Chair, building on the informal overview note referred to in paragraph 9 above and reflecting the broad spectrum of views and options presented by Parties in their consideration of the various items on the agenda of the AWG-LCA. The Chair clarified that, in some areas, he had offered a possible structure for organizing the different ideas proposed by Parties and had suggested possible ways forward, including where further work that might be required after the closure of the AWG-LCA could take place. He explained that the document was not presented as basis for negotiation, but as an initiative to facilitate the discussions.

³ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/7054>>.

⁴ See paragraph 1 and footnote 1 above.

11. Throughout the Doha conference Parties continued their work in informal consultations chaired by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA as well as in the informal groups established by the AWG-LCA at the first part of its fifteenth session. Draft texts were issued during the session to reflect the status of the work on the different issues on the agenda of the AWG-LCA.

12. At the 5th plenary meeting, on 7 December, the Chair recalled the work conducted by the AWG-LCA as well as the informal stocktaking meetings held to assess the progress made, including those organized by the President of the COP. At the same meeting, the Chair introduced the draft conclusions on the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA, including a draft decision to be presented to the COP for consideration and adoption at its eighteenth session, contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.4, as well as two corrections to be made to the document.

13. The Chair explained that the draft decision had been brought before Parties in an effort to present a balanced package. While there were still areas of concern raised by Parties, the Chair noted at the end of the meeting that such concerns had been raised by different groups, often pointing in opposite directions, which indicated that the package, if not yet fully balanced, was close to being balanced. He also noted that the informal consultations on matters related to finance led by two ministers were still ongoing and that he was confident that clarity on the results would be provided soon. Further, the Chair expressed his confidence that the few outstanding issues were clearly resolvable and that the text in its entirety was a good basis on which the COP could finalize the agreed outcome in the short time remaining. He recalled the statements made by Parties and by the President of the COP at the preceding informal stocktaking meeting indicating that the AWG-LCA decision did not stand alone, but was part of an overall Doha package and had to be seen in the context of that overall balance.

14. Noting that the President of the COP had earlier encouraged Parties to forward the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA to the COP for further consideration as soon as possible, the Chair proposed that the AWG-LCA forward the draft decision contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.4, as amended, to the COP for its consideration and adoption.

15. Also at the 5th meeting, the Chair informed the AWG-LCA that the President of the COP had identified two ministers to assist him in consulting on the matters under the AWG-LCA that might require some further consideration upon the closure of the session of the AWG-LCA, namely Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan (Singapore) and Mr. Peter Altmaier (Germany).

16. Statements were made by representatives of 31 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, EIG, AOSIS, the African States, the Umbrella Group, the League of Arab States, the Like-minded Developing Countries and the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean.

17. A representative of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) stated that it should be placed on the record that Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) expressed its reservations with regard to document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.4 in its entirety and that it reserves its right to return to all substantive issues contained therein as it deems appropriate.

2. Conclusions

18. The AWG-LCA, at its 5th meeting, agreed to forward the draft decision contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.4, as amended, to the COP for its consideration and adoption.⁵

IV. Additional matters

(Agenda item 6)

19. The AWG-LCA considered this agenda item at its 2nd meeting. No additional matters were raised.

V. Report on the session

(Agenda item 7)

20. At its 5th meeting, the AWG-LCA considered and adopted the draft report on the second part of its fifteenth session.⁶ At the same meeting, the AWG-LCA authorized the Chair to complete the report on the session, with the assistance of the secretariat.

VI. Closure of the session

21. At the 5th meeting, the Chair expressed his appreciation to the President of the COP and his team for their efforts, support and guidance during the fifteenth session of the AWG-LCA.

22. He thanked the Vice-Chair of the AWG-LCA for his support, the delegates who had facilitated the work of the AWG-LCA throughout the year and Parties for their trust and collaboration.

23. The Chair recalled his statement made at the 4th meeting, in which he had noted that the AWG-LCA had come to the final part of a five-year journey, which had produced many positive and fruitful results. He stated that it was now time to bring all of the work together and to complete it. The Chair expressed his confidence that Parties were very close to finalization and that, in the remaining hours, under the guidance of ministers, they would be able to successfully conclude the work on the agreed outcome.

24. At the same meeting, the Chair declared the fifteenth session of the AWG-LCA closed.

⁵ The COP subsequently adopted the proposal by the President contained in document FCCC/CP/2012/L.14/Rev.1 (Agreed outcome pursuant to the Bali Action Plan).

⁶ Adopted as document FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.3.

Annex

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

Documents prepared for the session

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| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/1 | Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/2 | Scenario note on the fifteenth session. Note by the Chair |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first part of its fifteenth session, held in Bonn from 15 to 24 May 2012 |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/4 | Scenario note on the second part of the fifteenth session. Note by the Chair |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.1 | Report on the third workshop on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.2 | Report on the third workshop to further the understanding of the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties, underlying assumptions and any support needed for implementation of these actions. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.3/Rev.1 | Report on the workshop on equitable access to sustainable development. Revised report by the Chair |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.4 | Report on the workshop on a framework for various approaches. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.5 | Report on the workshop on the new market-based mechanism. Note by the co-chairs of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.6 | Report on the fourth workshop on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.7 | Report on the fourth workshop to further the understanding of the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties, underlying assumptions and any support needed for implementation of these |

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| | actions. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.8 | Report on the workshop on financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to REDD-plus, including modalities and procedures for financing these results-based actions. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.9 | Report on the second workshop on a framework for various approaches. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.10 | Report on the second workshop on the new market-based mechanism. Note by the chair of the workshop |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.1 and Add.1 and 2 | Additional information relating to the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets contained in document FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.2 and Add.1 | Submission of more information by developing country Parties, subject to availability, relating to nationally appropriate mitigation actions, including underlying assumptions and methodologies, sectors and gases covered, global warming potential values used, support needs for implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions and estimated mitigation outcomes. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.3 and Add.1–4 | Views on modalities and procedures for financing results-based actions and considering activities related to decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 68–70 and 72. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.4 and Add.1–7 | Views on a framework for various approaches. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.5 and Add.1 | Views on a framework for various approaches. Submissions from admitted observer organizations |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.6 and Add.1–6 | Views on the new market-based mechanism. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.7 and Add.1 | Views on the new market-based mechanism. Submissions from admitted observer organizations |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.8 | Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from Parties |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.9 | Enhanced action on capacity-building. Submissions from Parties |

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| FCCC/TP/2012/2 | Quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties to the Convention: assumptions, conditions, commonalities and differences in approaches and comparison of the level of emission reduction efforts. Technical paper |
| FCCC/TP/2012/3 | Financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, including related modalities and procedures. Technical paper |
| FCCC/TP/2012/4 | Various approaches, including opportunities for using markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries. Technical paper |
| FCCC/TP/2012/5 | Quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed country Parties to the Convention: assumptions, conditions, commonalities and differences in approaches and comparison of the level of emission reduction efforts. Technical paper |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.1 | Provisional agenda |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.2 | Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its fifteenth session held in Bonn from 15 to 24 May 2012 |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.3 | Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its fifteenth session, part two, held in Doha from 27 November to x December 2012 |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/L.4 | Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.1 | Submission from Ecuador |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.2 | Submission from Swaziland on behalf of the African Group |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.3 | Informal overview text by the Chair |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.4 | Submission from Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian |

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| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.5 | Submission from Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.6 | Submission from the Philippines |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.7 | Submission from the African States |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.8 | Submission from Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Malaysia, Mali, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.9 | Submission from Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, India, China, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of), El Salvador, Nicaragua, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Maldives and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.10 | Submission from the African States |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.11 | Submission from Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Thailand |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.12 | Submission from the Environmental Integrity Group, comprising Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, Republic of Korea and Switzerland |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.13 | Submission from Bolivia (Plurinational State of) |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.14 | Submission from Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.15 | Submission from Bolivia (Plurinational State of) |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/CRP.16 | Submission from the African States |

Other documents before the session

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| FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/18 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its thirteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010 |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/9 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first and second parts of its fourteenth session, held in Bangkok from 5 to 8 April 2011, and Bonn from 7 to 17 June 2011 |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/14 | Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the third and fourth parts of its fourteenth session, held in Panama City from 1 to 7 October 2011, and Durban from 29 November to 10 December 2011 |
| FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/INF.1 | Compilation of information on nationally appropriate mitigation actions to be implemented by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat |
| FCCC/SB/2011/INF.1/Rev.1 | Compilation of economy-wide emission reduction targets to be implemented by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Revised note by the secretariat |
| FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011 |
| FCCC/CP/2010/7 and Add.1 | Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010 |
