

## INFORMATION NOTE

### Workshop on equitable access to sustainable development

#### I. Mandate and background

1. The notion of equitable access to sustainable development (EASD) was introduced in the Cancun agreements, in the context of a timeframe for global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions<sup>1</sup>, where the COP recognized that the time frame for peaking will be longer in developing countries, and that social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries.
2. A proposal was made to include EASD in the provisional agenda of COP17, and the Presidency conducted informal consultations on the issue.
3. Parties agreed in Durban to consider the issue of EASD, as contained in decision 1/CP.16, through a workshop at the next AWG-LCA session. The AWG-LCA shall report on the workshop to the COP as part of its work<sup>2</sup>.

#### II. General objectives and approach to the workshop

4. The objective of this workshop is to facilitate a rich interactive exchange on the issue EASD, explore links to different activities under the Convention, with a view to increase understanding of EASD, which could facilitate negotiations related to a shared vision for long-term cooperative action.
5. The workshop will primarily consist of presentations by Parties, and a moderated exchange of views on the notion of EASD and what it could mean in practical terms.
6. Following an introductory presentation, Parties will be invited to make either brief presentations or short interventions. Similar presentations will be grouped and will be followed by a questions and answers session. Expert and other stakeholder organizations will be invited to make presentations subject to time availability.

#### III. Organization of work

7. All Parties are invited to contribute to presentations and to engage in the discussions at the workshop. Parties, experts and other stakeholder organizations, intending to make presentations are invited to inform the secretariat in advance at <lca workshops@unfccc.int> by 16 April 2012.
8. The agenda for the workshop will be made available on the UNFCCC web site in time before the workshop taking into account the requests for presentations received from Parties, experts and other stakeholder organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 6.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 4.

#### **IV. Date and venue**

9. The workshop will take place on Wednesday 16 May 2012, during the fifteenth session of the AWG-LCA to be held in Bonn, Germany.

10. The venue will be announced in due course.