Presentation of the Focus Document

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PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

- Introduce the document: scope, approach and structure
- Present substantive content: key issues and proposed focus areas for this session
- Provide delegates with an opportunity to ask questions and share general impressions of the document



INTRODUCTION: MANDATE

- To further focus the negotiations process on the fulfilment of the Bali Action Plan and on the components of the agreed outcome
- To describe areas of convergence, to explore options for dealing with areas of divergence and identifying gaps that might need to be filled in reaching an agreed outcome
- To encompass all elements of the BAP in a balanced manner
- Not to attribute ideas and proposals to their sources

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- Be drafted in a language that does not prejudice the form of the agreed outcome
- Be made available preferably two weeks before the session



INTRODUCTION: APPROACH AND SCOPE

- The focus document is a single document presented in two parts (so that the first part could be translated)
- It reflects the state of negotiations to date

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- This document is an exercise in judgment by the Chair, prepared in the hope that responses to it will result in forward movement in the negotiations
- All submissions and the assembly document will remain on the table up to Copenhagen







STRUCTURE

Part I:

Chapter I: Introduction

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• Chapter II: Overview: focusing the negotiation process

Part II:

- Chapter I: A shared vision for long-term cooperative action
- Chapter II: Enhanced action on adaptation
- Chapter III: Enhanced action on mitigation
- Chapter IV: Finance and Technology

CONTENT AND FOCUS



I. A SHARED VISION

- Integrating climate change challenge with the priority of promoting sustainable development and eradicating poverty
- Transition to a low-emission future
- Science-based, indicative goal for the reduction of global GHG emissions

SUGGESTED FOCUS AREA:

 Narrowing the options for expressing the long-term global goal for emission reductions and clarifying the issue of emission pathways to the mid-century



II: ENHANCED ACTION ON ADAPTATION

- A cooperative adaptation framework for promoting adaptation and resilience:
 - Formulation and implementation of adaptation plans
 - Building resilience, enabling environments, knowledge sharing
 - Risk reduction and management, and insurancerelated mechanisms
- Matching adaptation action with financial and technological support



II: ENHANCED ACTION ON ADAPTATION

SUGGESTED AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Further elaboration of a comprehensive framework for action, defining the scope of the framework and mechanisms for making it operational
- The way in which the implementation of national adaptation plans by developing countries can be matched with financial and technological support (taking into consideration additionality)
- Design of and international support for potential schemes to insure against climate-related risks and other arrangements for sharing these risks



III: ENHANCED ACTION ON MITIGATION

- Mitigation by developed countries:
 - Commitments and actions, comparability, national circumstances
 - Measurement, reporting and verification
- Mitigation by developing countries, including REDD-plus:
 - Nationally appropriate mitigation actions and registry
 - Matching enhanced action on mitigation with financial and technological support
 - Measurement, reporting and verification of actions and support
- Economic and social consequences of response measures
- Other cooperative actions on mitigation
 - Cooperative sectoral approaches
 - Various approaches, including opportunities for using markets



IV: FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Generation of resources
- Institutional arrangements and governance
- Delivery of resources
- Technology cooperation and cooperative R&D



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SUGGESTED AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Means of generating substantial new and additional finance, and facilitation of delivery and access
- Delivery of financial support for actions and programmes under para. 1 (b) (iii) (REDD-plus)
- Governance and design of institutional arrangements for finance and technology under the UNFCCC
- Cooperative R&D and development of new technologies and the issue of intellectual property rights for existing ones

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MATTERS OF PROCESS AND FORM

- Relationship with other relevant processes under:
 - The Convention
 - The Kyoto Protocol
- Other intergovernmental processes
- Legal form of the agreed outcome
 - A number of options proposed
 - When should LCA consider legal form?







THANK YOU

