



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

**Fourth session
Poznan, 1–10 December 2008**

**Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda
Organizational matters
Organization of the work of the session**

Scenario note on the fourth session

Note by the Chair*

I. Introduction

1. The fourth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) will be held in Poznan, Poland, from Monday, 1 December to Wednesday, 10 December 2008. The purpose of this note is to share with delegations the plans and expectations of the Chair of the AWG-LCA for the session, focusing on the organization of work. The secretariat has issued annotations to the provisional agenda for the session.¹

II. Arrangements at the fourth session to advance the work on the elements of the Bali Action Plan

2. The AWG-LCA, at its first session, agreed to undertake its work, seeking progress on all the elements assigned to it by the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13), in a coherent, integrated and transparent manner, and to organize its work at each session to include each of the elements.²

3. At its third session, the AWG-LCA made further progress in focusing the debate on concrete ideas and proposals. Parties started to identify issues and questions under each of the relevant elements of the Bali Action Plan that need to be addressed to reach an agreed outcome, and explored further the proposals on the table with a view to identifying their common elements. This progress is captured in the Chair's summary of the session.³ The AWG-LCA concluded the third session by inviting the Chair to

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

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/14.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 24.

³ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/13.

prepare a document assembling the ideas and proposals presented by Parties on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan, taking into account the ideas and proposals presented by accredited observer organizations (hereinafter referred to as the assembly document).⁴ This document will be made available for the fourth session of the AWG-LCA in Poznan and updated before the closure of that session.

4. The AWG-LCA will meet in an opening plenary on Monday, 1 December 2008. Time management at this session is of particular importance, since four subsidiary bodies, as well as the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol will be meeting together in a limited period of two weeks. Therefore, in order to save time, during the opening plenary of the AWG-LCA, the Chair will invite statements on behalf of the major groups of Parties.

5. As agreed by the group at its first session, three workshops will be held in Poznan, namely on:

- (a) Shared vision for long-term cooperative action;
- (b) Risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance;
- (c) Cooperation on research and development of current, new and innovative technology, including win-win solutions.

6. The workshops will be based on the approach taken at the group's second and third sessions. The objective of the workshops remains to deepen understanding and clarify elements contained in the Bali Action Plan and to enhance understanding of the concerns and position of Parties. This should in turn contribute to the emergence of a common view of what needs to be negotiated in order to reach an agreed outcome. The Bali Action Plan will guide these discussions. The annex to this note lists the relevant elements for each of the workshops and provides further information on the approach.

7. The chairs of the workshops will prepare a summary of the views expressed at each workshop to inform further work on these issues. These summaries will be issued as conference room papers during the session and will also be integrated into the Chair's summary of the session.

8. At the third session of the AWG-LCA in Accra, three contact groups started their work. Consultation with delegations by the Chair indicated that there is agreement to continue this organization of work and to establish in Poznan a fourth contact group on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action. The Chair will therefore invite the AWG-LCA to establish four contact groups for the fourth session to consider:

- (a) A shared vision for long-term cooperative action;
- (b) Enhanced action on adaptation and its associated means of implementation;
- (c) Enhanced action on mitigation and its associated means of implementation;
- (d) Delivering on technology and financing, including consideration of institutional arrangements.

9. The Chair's assembly document will seek to organize the ideas and proposals presented by Parties on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan, taking into account the ideas and proposals presented by accredited observer organizations. In this work, the Chair will rely on the

⁴ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/12, paragraph 27.

written submissions received by 30 September 2008 in response to the invitations contained in the Bali Action Plan and in the conclusions of the first and second sessions of the AWG-LCA,⁵ as well as on the presentations made in the in-session workshops and the discussions thereafter, as captured in the Chair's summaries⁶ of the workshops. Given the large number of submissions by Parties that arrived soon after 30 September, the Chair, in preparing the assembly document, intends, to the extent possible, to take into account submissions received by 10 October. Since some of the ideas and proposals that have been presented orally during the sessions but have not been submitted in writing would not be reflected in the document, Parties are strongly encouraged to submit such ideas and proposals in writing in advance of the Poznan session.⁷ In the light of the conclusions from the third session of the AWG-LCA,⁸ the Chair will update the assembly document before the closure of the fourth session based on submissions received after 30 September and the ideas and proposals put forward during that session. The closing date for submission of ideas and proposals for inclusion in the updated version of the assembly document is Saturday, 6 December.

10. The Chair's intention is to focus the work of the contact groups on the relevant elements of the assembly document with a view to identifying elements and options for inclusion in the negotiation of an agreed outcome. Given the limited time available, the Chair requests delegates to use the meeting time in the contact groups to react to the ideas and proposals that have been reflected in the document. The Chair will make arrangements outside of the meetings of the contact groups for receiving direct feedback from individual delegations in order to correct and refine the presentation of their ideas and proposals in the document; this feedback will be reflected in the updated version of the document.

11. The deliberations at the fourth session will also be informed by a range of technical papers and information notes that the AWG-LCA and other subsidiary bodies have requested the secretariat to prepare to facilitate progress in Poznan. The findings of the technical papers will be presented during the session as appropriate.

III. Further work and progress report to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session

12. At its second and third sessions, the AWG-LCA concluded its consideration of most of the outstanding issues related to its work programme for 2009. In particular, at its third session the AWG-LCA determined that it would shift into full negotiating mode in 2009 and called upon all Parties to put forward further proposals regarding the content and form of the agreed outcome as early as possible, so that Parties might review and assess the scope and the progress of the negotiations at the sixth session of the AWG-LCA in June 2009. It also decided that three workshops would be organized in conjunction with its fifth session.⁹ At the fourth session, it remains for the AWG-LCA to determine whether an additional session would be needed in 2009. It may also consider what further documentation might be prepared by its incoming Chair for its fifth session in order to carry forward its shift into full negotiating mode.

⁵ Decision 1/CP.13, paragraph 8, document FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 23, and document FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/8, paragraphs 25 and 26.

⁶ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/CRP.4 and FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/CRP.5.

⁷ The submissions received before 14 November 2008 will also be compiled into a miscellaneous document and made available before the session.

⁸ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/12, paragraph 27.

⁹ A workshop on subparagraphs 1 (b) (i) and 1 (b) (ii) of the Bali Action Plan; one on economic and social consequences of response measures (para. 1 (b) (vi) of the Bali Action Plan); and one on opportunities and challenges for mitigation in the agricultural sector (FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/12, paragraphs 34 and 35).

13. In response to the request of the COP at its thirteen session,¹⁰ an item entitled “Report of the AWG-LCA to the COP at its fourteenth session on progress made” has been incorporated into the provisional agenda for the AWG-LCA session in Poznan. The provisional agenda for the COP includes an agenda item to receive and respond to this report (agenda item 4). The report will be presented by the Chair to the COP at the opening of the high-level segment on Thursday, 11 December. In accordance with the Bali Action Plan, the COP will take stock of the progress made in the work of the AWG-LCA, on the basis of the report by the group.

14. The Chair and the Vice-Chair will jointly convene informal consultations on the work programme of the AWG-LCA for 2009 and on the group’s progress report to the COP at its fourteenth session.

¹⁰ Decision 1/CP.13, paragraph 9.

Annex

**In-session workshops under the Ad Hoc Working Group
on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention**

The workshops will be Party-driven, meaning that substantive discussions will rely primarily on inputs from Parties. All Parties are invited to contribute to the interactive exchange and to bring to the workshops their ideas and proposals for concrete ways to realize the promise of the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13). Parties are invited to make either brief and focused presentations on proposals (no more than 10 minutes and, if needed, no more than five slides) or to make short interventions (no more than three minutes). Parties intending to make presentations on proposals are invited to inform the secretariat in advance so that the Chair may group presentations on related topics together.¹

Table 1. Workshop on a shared vision for long-term cooperative action

Timing	Tuesday, 2 December 2008 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, 3 December from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by the chair • Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties • Concluding remarks by the chair
Relevant issues in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	A shared vision for long-term cooperative action, including a long-term global goal for emission reductions, to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Convention, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and taking into account social and economic conditions and other relevant factors.

Table 2. Workshop on risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance

Timing	Thursday, 4 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by the chair • Presentation of the technical papers on mechanisms to manage financial risk, trends in climate-related risks and extreme events, and integrating disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies (UNFCCC secretariat)

¹ Parties wishing to make presentations are invited to contact the secretariat at <lcaworkshops@unfccc.int> as soon as possible but not later than 1 December 2008.

Table 2 (continued)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on experiences and perspectives on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk management and risk reduction strategies (ISDR secretariat^a and IASC^b) ○ Insurance and other risk sharing and transfer mechanisms (MCII^c) • Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties • Concluding remarks by the chair
Relevant issues in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	<p>Risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance</p> <p>Disaster reduction strategies and means to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change</p>

^a Secretariat of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

^b Secretariat of the Inter-agency Standing Committee.

^c Munich Climate Insurance Initiative.

Table 3. Workshop on cooperation on research and development of current, new and innovative technology, including win-win solutions

Timing	Saturday, 6 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by the chair • Presentation on experiences and perspectives on collaborative mechanisms for research and development by the EGTT Chair • Presentations, interventions and follow-up interactive discussions by Parties • Concluding remarks by the chair
Relevant issues in decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan)	Cooperation on research and development of current, new and innovative technology, including win-win solutions.
