

IV. Work programme for 2009 (Agenda item 4)

25. The AWG-LCA expressed its appreciation to its Chair for his response to its invitation to prepare and update a document assembling the ideas and proposals of Parties on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. It considered that this assembly document⁹ has made and will continue to make a valuable contribution to the group's consideration of these ideas and proposals, enabling Parties to discern areas of convergence and divergence in their views and thus helping to advance the negotiations in 2009.

26. The AWG-LCA invited its Chair to prepare, under his own responsibility, the following documents to facilitate negotiations among Parties, building upon the ideas and proposals of Parties and upon the assembly document mentioned in paragraph 25 above and taking account of the organization of work under the AWG-LCA:

- (a) A document for consideration at its fifth session, taking account of further submissions received from Parties by 6 February 2009, that would further focus the negotiating process on the fulfilment of the Bali Action Plan and on the components of the agreed outcome to be adopted by the COP at its fifteenth session, describing areas of convergence in the ideas and proposals of Parties, exploring options for dealing with areas of divergence and identifying any gaps that might need to be filled in reaching an agreed outcome;
- (b) A negotiating text for consideration at its sixth session in June 2009, taking account of the proceedings of the AWG-LCA at its fifth session and of further submissions received from Parties by 24 April 2009.

27. These documents shall:

- (a) Encompass all aspects of the Bali Action Plan in a balanced manner;
- (b) Not attribute ideas and proposals to their sources;
- (c) Be drafted in language that does not prejudge the form of the agreed outcome;
- (d) Be made available by the secretariat in a timely manner, preferably two weeks in advance of the sessions to which they are submitted.

28. Bearing in mind paragraph 3 of the Bali Action Plan and the conclusions on its work programme for 2009 reached at its third session,¹⁰ the AWG-LCA requested its Chair to keep the need for additional meeting time in 2009 under review in consultation with Parties, the Bureau of the COP and the Executive Secretary, and to propose any action that might need to be taken by the AWG-LCA in a manner that would ensure the effective participation of all Parties, in particular developing country Parties.

⁹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/16/Rev.1.

¹⁰ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/12, paragraphs 33, 36 and 37.