IV. Consideration of a work programme for 2009
(Agenda item 4)

34.   The AWG-LCA recalled that, at its first session, it had agreed that it would start considering its work programme for 2009 at its second session in 2008, and complete it no later than at its fourth session in 2008.[9] The AWG-LCA began its consideration at its second session by focusing on organizational aspects relating to the planning and scheduling of its work in 2009.

35.   The AWG-LCA took note of the information provided on meeting facilities and resources needed and available for its work in 2009.[10]

36.   The AWG-LCA recalled that, at its first session, it had agreed that it would need to hold at least four sessions in 2009, of a total duration of up to eight weeks,[11] and confirmed that four sessions would be held in March/April, in June in conjunction with the thirtieth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), in August/September and in conjunction with the fifteenth session of the COP,[12] in conformity with the overall schedule of meetings under the Convention. The AWG-LCA noted that, for planning purposes, a decision on whether an additional session in 2009 would be necessary should be reached no later than at COP 14.

37.   The AWG-LCA noted that other organizational aspects of the 2009 schedule of meetings, including venues and durations of sessional periods that are not already fixed, as well as financial implications, were considered by the SBI at its twenty-eighth session.[13]

38.   The AWG-LCA welcomed the ongoing exploration by the President of the COP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of possible ways to provide greater focus on the Bali Road Map in 2009.

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[9] FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 25.
[10] FCCC/SBI/2008/4/Add.1–FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/5, chapter III.
[11] FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 25.
[12] 30 November to 11 December 2009.
[13] FCCC/SBI/2008/8, chapters XIII–XIV.