

Proposal by South Africa

Means of Implementation

Responding to the call for submissions on all elements of the Bali Action Plan

30 September 2008

The Chair of the Adhoc Working Group on Longterm Co-operative Action (AWG LCA) has invited submissions, by 30 September, on all elements of the Bali Action Plan, to be accommodated in the Chair's document assembling the ideas and proposals. South Africa offers this submission on means of implementation.

At the outset, South Africa re-emphasises its full support for the G77 & China proposals on: (i) "A Financial Mechanism for Meeting Financial Commitments under the Convention" and (ii) A Technology Mechanism under the UNFCCC.

South Africa's starting point for the discussion on delivering on finance and technology is: (i) that there is a core balance in the Convention, set out in Article 4.7, confirming that the extent of developing country action is dependent on the provision of finance, technology and capacity building by developed countries; and (ii) that discussions on finance and technology must be seen in the broader context of the full means of implementation, which includes technology, finance and capacity building.

It is our view that a coherent architecture for delivering on the means of implementation should:

- Be flexible, and able to package finance, technology and capacity building support depending on the specific requirements of the nationally appropriate adaptation or mitigation action being taken, as well as the unique circumstances of developing countries and regions.
- Be able to mobilize all sources of finance, technology and capacity building, including from international, regional and domestic sources, both public and private.
- Be able to address the development, application and diffusion, including transfer of technologies through all the technology life stages. These life stages have different financial requirements, different risk profiles and different capacity building needs.
- Enable a shift from a project based approach to a programmatic approach in order to drastically scale up climate action and make optimal use of the full range of means of implementation available.
- Recognise, promote and strengthen the significance of engagement at the country level, in order to give effect to the principles of a country-driven approach, and direct access to funding, technology and capacity building, and enable the implementation of these principles