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INCEPTION REPORT:

Consultancy on Preparations for the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference – Emission Reduction Targets and Mitigation of Green House Gas Emissions

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1. Background

Climate change, arising from anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, is a serious challenge facing the international community. Ever since the earth Summit of 1990, available information indicates that greenhouse gas emissions are still increasing and that the rate of growth is much higher in major (advanced) developing countries. The continued increase in greenhouse gas emissions makes it difficult to achieve the objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), thus exposing the global community to higher risks.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate (IPCC), the authoritative scientific body, advises countries to undertake deep greenhouse gas emissions now if catastrophic impacts of climate change are to be avoided. Recent extreme weather events have increased the urge for urgent action on mitigation. Increasing greenhouse gas emissions and heightened awareness of the high risks of climate change has led the International community to engage in hectic schedule of Climate Change Talks to culminate in the Climate Change Conference to be held in December in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Copenhagen Conference, dubbed COP15, is expected to agree on a new climate change regime.

Working under two tracks, the Ad hoc Working Group on the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the Ad hoc Working Group on Long term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA, parties to the UNFCCC undertaking negotiations with a view to complete work in 2009 and present the outcome of their work to the fifteenth Conference of the Parties (COP15).

To enhance Uganda participation in the on-going negotiations leading to the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference, the Ministry of Water and Environment (MOWE) has received financial support from the Royal Danish Government. To this effect, the MOWE has commissioned this consultancy to support Uganda's preparation and implementation of some decisions arising out of the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference through generation of supportive information.

This Inception Report outlines the objectives, activities, deliverables, methodology and work plan of the assignment. It also provides an outline of the output of the consultancy.

2. Objectives

The purpose of the consultancy is to undertake a detailed, literature review and analysis of proposals, including the negotiating text and produce a detailed but brief technical paper, executive summary, policy brief and key elements to support negotiations on the following topic:

Mitigation of greenhouse gas emission, divided into:

- Emission reduction targets (numbers) for developed country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period; and
- Mitigation commitments or actions by developed and developing country Parties to the UNFCCC consistent with the Bali Action Plan and the Climate Change Convention.

In addition, the consultant with collaborate with another consultant on adaptation to support the negotiations on **financing and technology.**

3. Activities

The specific activities to be carried out are as follows:

- Identify the basis (legal/scientific) for taking action on the key issues listed in 2 above;
- Wide review of literature, meeting reports related to climate change, draft proposals by regional groups, groups of Parties and Parties, research institutions and civil society organizations;
- Detailed analysis of the negotiating text for the AWG-KP and AWG-LCA identifying areas of potential agreement with the positions of LDCs and African Group;
- Synthesis of technical information based on the activities above;
- Preparation of a brief but sufficiently detailed technical paper not exceeding 20 pages; and an executive summary of the technical paper not exceeding 5 pages, a policy brief not exceeding 4 pages and key

negotiating elements on mitigation targets and mitigation itself;

- Facilitate a workshop to discuss the reports;

4. Methodology

The consultant will use a combination of methodologies, including:

- Literature review
- Participation in one or more of the negotiation sessions
- Discussions and were necessary interviews with relevant officials in the ministry and those involved in the negotiations.
- Collaboration with the Consultant on adaptation to produce two separate documents on financing and technology.

5. Deliverables

The consultant will produce the following outputs:

- Detailed but concise Technical Report on emission reduction targets by Annex I parties to the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period and mitigation commitments or actions by developed and developing countries;
- An Executive Summary of the Technical Paper;
- Policy Brief Paper;
- Key negotiating elements, consistent with LDCs position; and
- A final report on the assignment.

6. Work Plan

The following is the time frame for the assignment.

No	Activity	Dates (2009)			
		July	August	September	October
1	Commencement / contract signing	28			
2	Attend Climate Change Negotiations in Bonn		2-16		
3	Submit Inception report		20		
4	Submit draft technical report			11	
5	Submit policy brief			18	
6	Conduct workshop to discuss the reports			23 or 24	
7	Submit final documents (technical paper, executive summary and policy brief)				8

7. Outline of the Technical Document and Policy brief

(Emission Reduction Targets and Mitigation of Green House Gases)

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   4.1 AWG-KP (QUELROs)

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5. The Relevant Documents in the Negotiations

   5.1 AWG-KP (QUELROs)

   5.2 AWG-LCA (Mitigation)

6. Relevant Convention and Kyoto Protocol articles and provisions

7. Relevant previous decisions, conclusions or recommendations

8. National interests

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