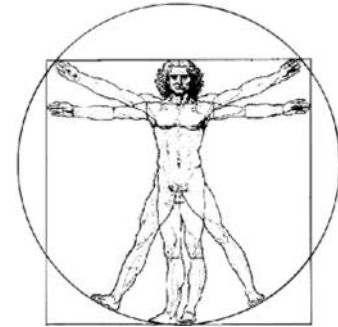


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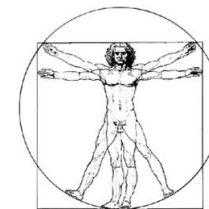


## Some Thoughts on Process

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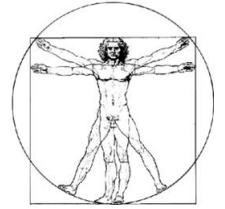
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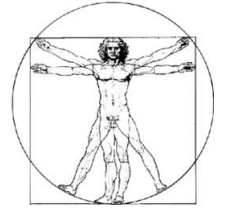


## The Selection of 'Small Groups' and Informal Meetings

***Transparent, Inclusive, Representative.*** The formation of any 'small group' has to be transparent, and it has to ensure that all Parties are included through proper representation. However, the format through which such representation is achieved may vary depending on the purpose of the small group.

### A. Small Negotiating Groups

Informal Contact Groups are part of the negotiating process. As such it is important that all regional/interest groups are allowed to choose/approve who they wish to represent their interests in the smaller group, and who, as such, will be reporting back to them, as is currently the practice (?).



## The Selection of 'Small Groups'

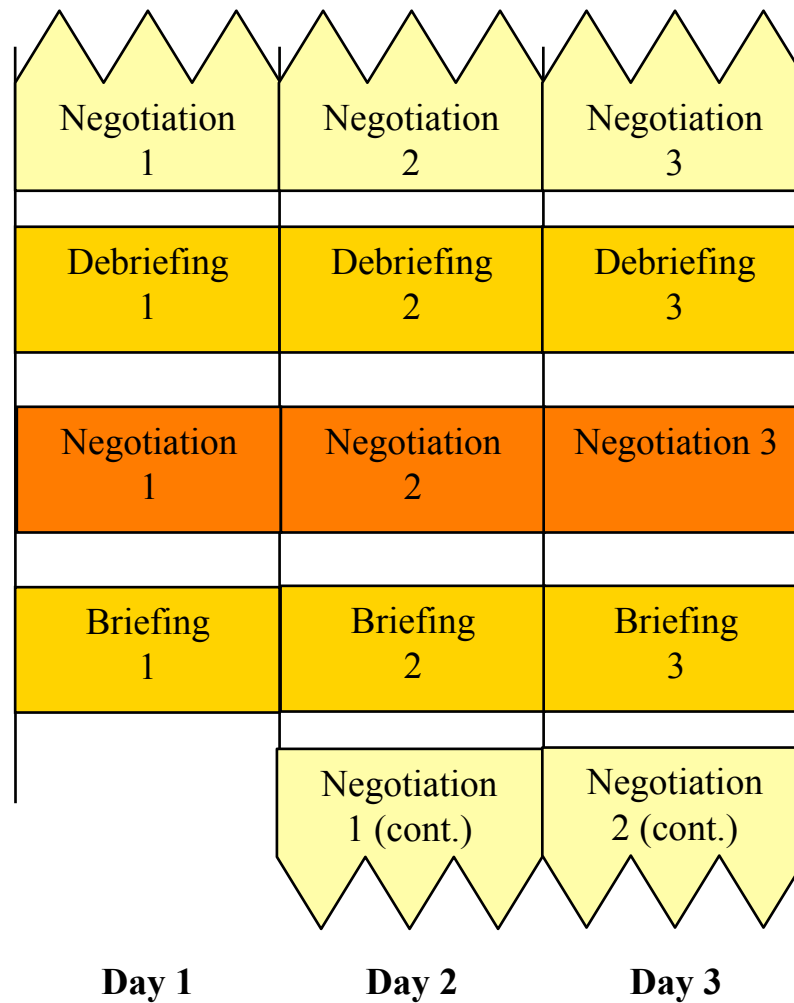
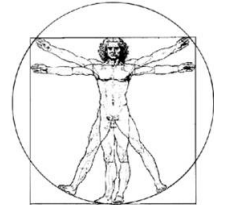
### B. Informal (Intersessional) Consultation Meetings

The purpose of informal meetings, convened outside the UNFCCC sessions is to share information and exchange ideas, but *not* to produce an outcome to be fed into the negotiations. As such, representation is primarily an issue of ensuring that ones views are represented at the table, but of transparency, i.e. of sharing the information and ideas with those who, for whatever reason, were not participating in the event.



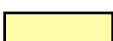
One way of ensuring this is to have two lists of invitees. The first one is a list of key participants (Parties or named individuals) compiled by the host. The second is a list determined by an open call to Parties for expressions of interest, with a certain number of spaces allocated to each regional group. Should there be more expressions than open places available, then the regional groups should be asked to carry out a selection.

# High Level Segments: Engaging Ministers during UNFCCC Sessions

## Sequential Negotiating Schedule



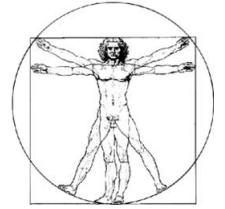
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-  Ministerial Negotiations
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# The Presidency, the Bureau and the Secretariat

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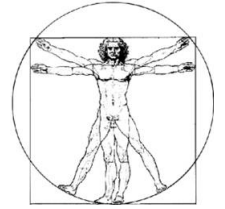


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- The role of the host country where the meeting is taking place is totally out of balance. It is a multilateral process and not a chance for local politicians to score points. The lack of information sharing and the exclusive nature of the process is not helpful.
- Serious consideration should be given to establishing a PERMANENT or semi-permanent forum for climate change negotiations.
- The Bureau has become more and more marginalized by the Presidency and the Secretariat

# The Presidency, the Bureau and the Secretariat

## Three Key Functions



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- Chairing the Process – the Kyoto Protocol negotiations
- Speaking for the Process
- Convening the Process