

Bonn UNFCCC Informal Meeting to Provide Opportunity for Delegates to Make Substantive Progress on Copenhagen Negotiating Text

(Bonn, 4 August 2009) – An informal UN negotiating session on strengthened international climate action will take place in Bonn from 10 to 14 August 2009. The consultations are part of a series of six UNFCCC gatherings this year designed to culminate in an ambitious and effective international climate change deal in Copenhagen in December. The Copenhagen outcome is to follow on the first phase of the Kyoto Protocol, which expires at the end of 2012.

“We are at an exciting point in the negotiations which can lead us to the turning point in the fight against climate change at Copenhagen,” said Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). “At the UNFCCC Bonn session in June, negotiating text was enriched and expanded. At this meeting, governments have a significant opportunity to make further concrete and substantive progress on the text, narrowing down options and simplifying and shortening the negotiating text,” he added.

The Bonn informal consultations will comprise sessions of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and of the Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP).

The negotiating text for consideration by the AWG-LCA, which comprises all 192 Parties to the UNFCCC, covers the issues of a shared vision for long-term cooperative action, enhanced action on adaptation, mitigation and finance, technology and capacity-building.

The AWG-KP will focus on a proposal for amendments to the Kyoto Protocol, including the annex relating to emission reduction commitments of 37 industrialized countries for the second phase of the protocol (post-2012).

The sessions will take place at the Hotel Maritim in Bonn and will be attended by around 2,000 participants. The consultations will exclusively focus on the negotiating text and not include any side events. Whilst journalists may follow open plenary sessions (opening plenary 10 August, 10:00 -13:00, mid-week stocktaking plenary 12 August 15:00 - 16:30 , closing plenary 14 August 16:00 - 18:00) on location and via webcast, no media facilities will be available at the conference venue.

The UNFCCC will give a closing press conference on Friday, 14 August (13:15) at the UN’s “Langer Eugen” building in Bonn, Hermann-Ehlers-Str. 10. This briefing will be followed by press conferences of Parties and non-governmental organizations (United States at 13:45, European Union at 14:15, Climate Action Network at 14:45). Media must have prior accreditation in order to attend the UNFCCC and other briefings at the Langer Eugen building.

For information on accreditation, please visit:

http://unfccc.int/press/calender_of_events/accreditation/items/2987.php

Further upcoming UNFCCC meetings

Bangkok Climate Change Negotiations 2009

9th session of the AWG-KP and 7th session of the AWG-LCA – Monday, 28 September to Friday, 9 October 2009 United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand. Full media facilities and numerous press conferences. No side events (due to space limitations).

Barcelona Climate Change Negotiations

Resumed Seventh session of the AWG-LCA and resumed Ninth session of the AWG-KP – 2 to 6 November 2009 Barcelona, Spain, Fira Barcelona. Full media facilities, around 100 side events.

United Nations Climate Change Conference Copenhagen

COP 15 and CMP 5 – 7 to 8 December 2009, Bella Center, Copenhagen, Denmark. Numerous press conferences, more than 200 side events.

About the UNFCCC

With 192 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has to date 184 member Parties. Under the Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

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