



NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS No.1

22 October 2002

Eighth Session of Conference of Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

New Delhi, India, 23 October – 1 November 2002

Media Arrangements

1. Media Access

Media representatives are requested to use Gate 2 as the media entrance to the Vigyan Bhawan Conference Centre complex. This gate will generally be open between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. During the night hours, the Centre can be accessed through the VIP entrance (left side of Conference Centre (see attached map)).

The Press Centre will be available from Tuesday, 22 October, 3:00 p.m. until the end of the Conference (1 November). It will be open 24 hours a day, with limited services between 10.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m.

2. General Rules for Media Coverage

Visual media are permitted to film, record interviews and take photos in all public areas of the conference site unless otherwise restricted for security reasons. Generally, all open meetings of the Conference are accessible to the print media subject to the availability of sufficient space. (For access by visual media *see under 4.*)

PLEASE NOTE: No access will be granted to any media representatives to closed meetings of the Conference or to office areas.

3. Opening

On Wednesday, 23 October, at 10:00 a.m., the Eighth Session of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be formally opened in the Plenary Hall by outgoing President Mr. Mohamed Elyazghi (Morocco). Following the election of the President of COP 8 and his statement, the Conference will hear a statement from UNFCCC Executive Secretary Joke Waller-Hunter.

A limited number of seats are available in the Plenary Hall for print media and news agencies. They can be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in the Plenary Hall will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit



television (CCTV) monitors throughout the Conference site and in the Press Centre (Annex building).

4. Arrangements for TV, Radio and Photographers

(a) Opening

Prior to the opening of the Conference, television crews and still photographers will have an opportunity for establishing shots in the Plenary Hall. Once the conference is declared open, television crews will be asked to leave the Hall. Still photographers may continue, on a one-by-one basis, under the guidance of the UNFCCC TV/Radio Officer.

Similar photo/film opportunities will be given prior to the begin of the high-level segment of the Conference.

(b) Pool arrangements

Doordarshan Television and All India Radio, the official host broadcasters of the Conference, will provide live pool TV and radio coverage of major events at COP8, including the opening meeting on Wednesday, 23 October, the high-level segment of the Conference (30 October - 1 November), the closing session of COP8 and major press conferences held in the Press Conference Room (Hall 6, 2nd floor, Vigyan Bhawan Conference Centre). This coverage is available for local as well as overseas television and radio broadcasters free of charge.

Television and radio broadcasters can receive the video signal as well as the sound (English and original/floor language) in their assigned work cubicles on the 1st floor of the Annex building. Radio correspondents who do not have their own cubicle can pick up the sound from mult-boxes in the Press Centre.

(c) Work cubicles and other TV/radio services

8 work cubicles for TV broadcasters and 4 work cubicles for radio clients are equipped with audio and video feeds from the Plenary Hall and from the Press Conference Room and a monitor. Additional communication equipment can be made available on a commercial basis. (Please contact Mr. Vinod, MTNL, tel: 302 2230).

Doordarshan TV will provide live feeds to TV work cubicles, as well as for web casting and distribution through local CCTV system. The TV Control Room is located in room 229 on the 1st floor in the Annex building (Tel: 302 2131). Two editing suites are located in rooms 255 and 257. Doordarshan TV has set up two SSNG uplink facilities at the rooftop of the Annex building for round the clock uplinking of live feeds on PAS-10 satellite. Bookings of the editing and uplink facilities can be made through Mr. C.L. Agrawal, mobile phone: 98118 68294).

All India Radio will provide recordings of proceedings in the Plenary Hall and of press conferences upon request. Normally, these copies will be provided on Compact Disc-Recordables (CD-R). The AIR Control Room is located in room 264-268 on the 1st floor of the Annex building. For radio services, please contact: Mr. J.M. Jain, Deputy Director Engineering, AIR, tel: 302 2307. Two ISDN lines will be available at the business centre on the ground floor (Annex building) as a commercial radio playout facility for radio correspondents.



(d) Unilateral TV coverage in Plenary Hall

Due to practical considerations, it is not possible for individual television crews to record proceedings in the Plenary Hall. There are, however, limited possibilities throughout the Conference, including the high-level segment, for individual television crews to record statements by representatives of their home country. Prior arrangements should be made on an *ad hoc* basis with the UNFCCC TV/Radio Officer (Mr. Alex Saier, mobile phone 9818095284).

Television crews and radio correspondents are invited to record their own coverage of press conferences and briefings in the Press Conference Room (Hall 6). Audio in that room must be obtained from mult-boxes which are available to television and radio journalists on a first-come, first-served basis.

(e) *Unilateral photo coverage*

Requests for non-flash photo access to the floor while the plenary meetings are in session, will be dealt with on an *ad hoc* basis by an on-scene information officer. Photo journalists are advised that the light level is not high and that delegates and Ministers will speak from the floor. Photos will have to be taken from the aisles at a position indicated by the on-scene information officer. Due to anticipated demand, use of these few positions will be on a rotational basis. (Contact: Mr. Alex Saier, mobile phone 9818095284).

5. Press Centre

The Press Centre in the Annex building, located at the right side of the Vigyan Bhawan Conference Centre, offers some 10 work spaces, including 30 desks with computers providing direct access to the Internet and printing facilities, as well as 30 desks equipped with modem and telephone connections (plug&play system). All desks have electricity supply. Seats at the desks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLEASE NOTE: For the use of the plug&play system you need to purchase a telephone card at the business centre, located at the rear on the ground floor in the Annex building. Instructions how to use the plug&play system will be found on the desks.

5 fax machines and 15 pay phones operated by switchboard as well as a photocopying facility are also located at the business centre.

Proceedings in the Plenary Hall can be followed on CCTV screens in the Press Working Area. Additional CCTV monitors will show the programme of the day and announce press conferences and other events.

PLEASE NOTE: While regular press briefings may be announced in the Daily Programme, other briefings will be announced on short notice on the programme monitors.

Facilities available in the Press Center also include a Media Information Counter offering a selection of Conference documents as well as the Daily Programmes, UNFCCC press releases and texts of speeches as provided by delegations.



The offices of the Media Coordinator (Mr. Axel Wuestenhagen), the Conference Spokesman (Mr. Michael Williams), and the UNFCCC Television/Radio Officer (Mr. Alex Saier), as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison staff can be found in the Press Centre (Annex building, ground floor).

International news agencies will also have their work cubicles in the Press Centre (Annex building, ground floor).

6. Press Conferences/Briefings

The first press conference by the President of COP8 and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary is scheduled for Wednesday, 23 October, at 1.15 p.m. in the Press Conference Room (Hall 6, Vigyan Bhawan Conference Centre, 2nd floor).

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by national delegations and inter-governmental organizations will be held at the Press Conference Room. The COP8 President will hold further press briefings during the two weeks at a time to be announced. The Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies, and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary may also brief the press. In addition, several delegations, United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), as well as non-governmental organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will hold press briefings in the Press Conference Room.

There should be an increased number of briefings when Ministers arrive for the high-level segment of the Conference. Briefings will normally be limited to 30 minutes maximum and the schedule will be posted on the programme monitors.

7. Interviews

The Media Information Desk in the Press Centre (Annex building, ground floor) will assist journalists, upon request, in contacting delegates for arranging interviews. Requests for interviews with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary should be addressed to the Conference Spokesman, Mr. Michael Williams. For interviews with the COP8 President, please contact Mr. A.A. Rao, Deputy Principle Information Officer, Ministry of Environment & Forests, at the host Government Media Liaison office (Annex building, ground floor).

8. Conference Proceedings on the Internet

The conference proceedings can be followed through the Internet. All official meetings, press conferences and selected side events will be available from the conference website: <http://unfccc.int/cop8/>

Meetings will be recorded, rather being streamed live. All recordings can be accessed from the on-demand database. Each recording is classified by date, agenda item and type of meeting. "Video anchors" will allow direct access to discussions of a particular agenda item. Presentations will be simultaneously streamed next to the video.

A timetable, Meetings listing, is automatically generated and posted to the website throughout the day to provide information on additions or changes in the programme schedule.



9. Special Events and Exhibits

To compliment the negotiations there will be a vigorous programme of special events and a broad range of exhibits, providing fora for the exchange of information between all participants. Special events have become a popular feature of COPs attracting organizers from Parties, UN bodies, IGOs and NGOs. These events provide opportunities for open exchanges, catalysing the information transfer between the different actors and building bridges between engaged organizations.

In New Delhi there are 42 exhibits and circa 83 events scheduled, on topics which mirror the focus of the negotiations. Over 22 events focus on the CDM, many of these with a LULUCF interest. Other high demand topics are mitigation, and vulnerability and adaptation - so underlining the focus of COP 8 on implementation of the Convention and on the non-Annex I issues regarding the impacts of climate change, with a particular focus on Asia. A selection of these events will be covered by ENB on the Side, while others will be webcasted. In addition there will be Climate Talks at the Climate Change Kiosk, where presentations will be webcast, based on four themes during the COP.

10. International Climate Headlines

Climate Headlines is a daily selection of news stories related to the climate change convention and its negotiating process. It offers readers quick access to stories produced by major news agencies and papers. The service covers articles published by media organizations on the internet, free of charge, in English or French. The site is updated each UN working day throughout the year. Links to internet sites are provided for informational purposes only and do not imply an endorsement of the views contained in them. Climate headlines are accessible on the UNFCCC website at: <http://unfccc.int/press/index.shtml> .

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(MAIN HALL)

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PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM
(HALL 6)

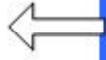
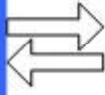


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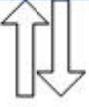
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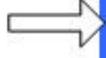
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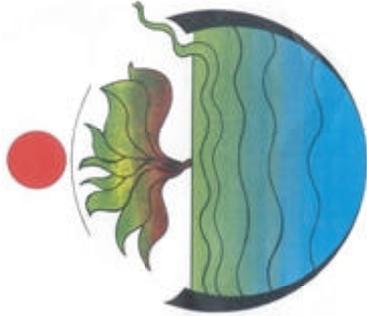
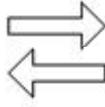
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