



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

Milan, Italy, 1 – 12 December 2003

Media Arrangements for High-level Segment

Opening Ceremony of High-level Segment

The high-level segment of COP9 to be attended by some 90 Ministers and other heads of delegation will take place on 10 and 11 December.

The opening meeting on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10.00 a.m. in Plenary 1 will hear messages from H.E. Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of Italy, read by H.E. Altero Matteoli, Minister for the Environment and Territory of Italy, and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan, read by Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Statements will also be made by COP 9 President Miklos Persanyi and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Joke Waller-Hunter.

Photo opportunity Television crews and still photographers will have a photo opportunity in Plenary 1, prior to the opening of the meeting. They are requested to assemble at the left hand side podium entrance to Plenary 1 at 9:45 a.m. at the latest. After the photo opportunity all television crews and photographers except the photographer of the secretariat and the host broadcaster RAI will be asked to leave the hall.

Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds from the addresses in their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (basement). In addition, there will be audio mult-boxes in the press area next to the Media Information Counter for use by radio broadcasters.

A limited number of seats are available in Plenary 1 for print media and news agencies. Access for media representatives will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in the Plenary will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors in the press area.

Continuation of high-level segment

Following a brief recess after the opening ceremony, the high-level segment of the Conference will continue with statements from Heads of United Nations specialized agencies and programmes as well as other intergovernmental organizations.

Texts of speeches delivered during the high-level segment of the Conference will be distributed at the Media Information Counter in the press area as they become available.

Round-table discussions

In three round-table discussions, held in Plenary 1, Ministers and other heads of delegation will engage in a constructive, open and interactive dialogue on the following group of subjects:

Round-table 1: Climate change, adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development, chaired by H.E. Mr. Tadashi Lomoto (Marshall Islands) and H.E. Ms. Yuriko Koike (Japan), will take place on Wednesday, 10 December, from 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Round-table 2: Technology, including technology use and development and transfer of technologies, chaired by H.E. Mr. Mohammed Valli Moosa (South Africa) and Ms. Paula Dobriansky (United States), will take place on Thursday, 11 December, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Round-table 3: Assessment of progress at the national, regional and international levels to fulfill the promise and objective enshrined in the climate change agreements, including the scientific, information, policy and financial aspects, chaired by Mr. Fernando Tudela (Mexico) and H.E. Mr. Juergen Trittin (Germany), will take place on Thursday, 11 December, from 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.

(a) Television and Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities for television crews and photographers will be provided beginning 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the round-table discussions in Plenary 1 until the meetings begin. After the meetings are called to order, television crews and photographers will be requested to leave the hall. Photographers and television crews wishing to use these photo opportunities are requested to assemble at the left hand side podium entrance to Plenary 1.

Due to practical considerations, it is generally not possible for television crews to record individual speakers during the round-table discussions. Television broadcasters are referred to the pool coverage provided by the host broadcaster RAI. Arrangements for obtaining this coverage in addition to existing RTV cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre should be made at the RAI booking office (contact: Ms. Lucia Colafranceso, tel. 06 331 77610 and Ms. Elena Strummiello, tel: 06 331 77612).

However, there will be limited possibilities for individual television crews to film selected speakers in Plenary 1 during the round-table discussions. Prior arrangements must be made with Mr. Alexander Saier, Audio/Visual Liaison Officer, tel.: +39 335 827 3062.

Under similar arrangements, individual press photographers will be given opportunities to take photographs of Ministers or other heads of delegation (contact: Mr. Alexander Saier, Audio/Visual Liaison Officer, tel.: +39 335 827 3062).

(b) Radio Coverage

Radio reporters are advised to obtain audio coverage (original and English) from their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (basement) or from audio mult-boxes in the press area.

Press Briefings

It is expected that several Ministers and other heads of delegation may wish to give a press briefing during the high-level segment of the Conference. Press briefings will be announced in the Daily Programme or, on short notice, on the CCTV monitors in the press area.

For further press conferences, please check the monitors for updates and changes.

Media Coordination Offices

The Media Coordination Offices offering assistance and support to accredited media representatives can be found on the ground floor, next to the press area (section C).

Media Coordinator: Mr. Axel Wuestenhagen, tel. 335 827 2832
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Host Country Media Liaison

The Ministry for the Environment and Territory also maintains a media liaison office in the same area on the ground floor and offers its assistance and advice to accredited media representatives. Please contact:

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