



United Nations Climate Change Conference - Nairobi, 2006

Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Second Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP12/MOP2)

Nairobi, Kenya, 6 – 17 November 2006

Media Arrangements

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, please contact the Television/Radio Coordination Officer (International Broadcast Centre, Media Tent). (*Special media arrangements for the high-level segment of the Conference will be announced in a separate Note to Correspondents.*)

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

Opening

On Monday, 6 November, at 10:00 a.m., the Conference will be opened in Plenary 1. It will be addressed by Vice President Moody Awori of Kenya and, following his election, by the President of COP12/MOP2. The Conference will also hear a statement from UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer. (For changes see: Daily Programme.)

Photo opportunity: Prior to the opening , television crews and still photographers will have an opportunity for establishing shots in Plenary 1 (9.30 –10.00 a.m.)

Once the conference is declared open, television crews will be required to leave the Hall. Television and radio broadcasters will receive live pool feeds from the opening, provided by the host broadcaster, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), in their respective work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (Media Tent). Still photographers may continue, on a one-by-one basis, under the guidance of the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer.



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 Plenary 1 will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors throughout the Conference site and in the press area (Media Tent).

Press Area

The press area in the Media Tent will be available from Sunday, 5 November late afternoon until the end of the Conference (17 November). It will be open 24 hours a day, with limited services between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

The press area offers a total of 72 work spaces. All desks have electricity supply. 32 desks have computers providing access to the Internet and to printers, and 32 desks will be equipped with "plug&play" facilities. Seats at the desks are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Wireless Internet access is also available in the Media Tent. This wireless connection is restricted to HTML and email services.

At the entrance to the press area, a Media Information Desk will offer a selection of Conference documents as well as the Daily Programme, UNFCCC press releases and publications, the texts of speeches as provided by delegations, as well as the daily Earth Negotiations Bulletin (which summarizes the daily proceedings). Official documents can also be accessed via the Internet at terminals in the press area.

Proceedings in Plenary 1, Plenary 2 and press conferences can be followed on monitors in the press area. CCTV screens will show the programme of the day including press conferences and other events. Headphones are available in the press area upon request.

Correspondents may also follow proceedings of COP12 from the conference website: unfccc.int using the computers in the press area.

Media Coordination

The Media Coordination offices as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison Officer can be found adjacent to the press area:

- Mr. Axel Wuestenhagen, Media Coordinator, mobile: 0727 534 453
- Mr. John Hay, Conference Spokesperson, mobile: 0727 534 419
- Mr. Alexander Saier, Deputy Spokesperson, mobile: 0727 534 525
- Mr. Tim Davis, Television/Radio Coordinator, mobile: 0722 824 563
- Ms. Lucy Waruingi, Media Information Desk, mobile: 0727 534 422

- Ms. Susan Njuguna, Host Country Media Liaison Officer, mobile: 0721 643 174
- Ms. Tine Lund, mobile: 0721 552 639

International Broadcast Centre

In the Media Tent, an International Broadcast Centre is established to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility will be operated by Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), the host broadcaster of the Conference, who will provide live video and audio pool feeds and editing facilities. KBC will also operate a modest radio studio. For television and radio services, please contact Mr. George Kanyi, KBC, mobile: 0722 634 146.

Satellite uplinks will be provided by Globecast Africa. For uplink services please contact Mr. Jean Paul Flory, mobile: 0722 442 907/0733 509 999. Bookings: Globecast South Africa: +27 11 482 2790; Engineer: Joseph Nguni: 0721 480 134.



A total of 22 work cubicles for TV broadcasters and radio clients are equipped with basic furniture, a monitor as well as with audio and video feeds from Plenaries 1 and 2 and from the press conference room. Audio feeds from each venue will be in English and in the original/floor language. Additional equipment, e.g. telephones or fax lines can be rented. (Please contact Ms. Yvette Diedricks, mobile: 0720 013 190).

International and national news agencies will also have their work cubicles in that area.

Work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre will be assigned upon request on a first-come, first-served basis.

Television Coverage

Pool coverage of the proceedings in Plenaries 1 and 2 and from press conferences is being provided by KBC. This coverage is available for local and overseas television and radio broadcasters free of charge (copy right-free).

Due to practical considerations it is generally not possible for individual television crews to record proceedings in Plenaries 1 and 2. There are, however, limited possibilities throughout the Conference and, in particular, during the high-level segment, for individual television crews to record plenary statements by the representative of their home country.

Please note: Prior arrangements for unilateral coverage should be made with the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer (Mr. Tim Davis, mobile: 0722 824 563).

Television crews are invited to record their own coverage of press conferences in the press conference room (Room Nyati) in the Media Tent. An audio feed will be available from XLR distribution units to television and radio journalists on a first-come-first-served basis.

For international broadcast feeds, a stand-up position will be provided by Globecast Africa. A separate stand-up interview position is established outside Plenary 1. It is encouraged that all broadcasters utilize this area for interviews.

Radio Coverage

Audio feeds in English and in the original/floor language are available from XLR distribution units in Plenary 1, in the press area and in the press conference room. For other radio services, including the use of a small radio studio, please contact KBC in the International Broadcast Centre (Media Tent), Mr. George Kanyi, KBC, mobile: 0722 634 146.

Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities will be provided for still photographers and television on the floor of Plenary 1 prior to the opening of COP12/MOP2 on 6 November (9.30 – 10.00 am) as well as prior to other meetings, in particular, during the high-level segment of the Conference.

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. (Please contact the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer, Mr. Tim Davis, mobile: 0722 824 563.)

Please note: If you wish to take photographs or film outside the conference venue, a permission is needed. This can be pursued at a cost of 4,000 Ksh at UNON. (For further information contact Ms. Tine Lund, mobile: 0721 552 639.



Press Conferences/Briefings

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by national delegations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will be held at the press conference room, located in the Media Tent (Room Nyati).

A press conference by the newly elected President of COP12/MOP2 and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary is scheduled for Monday, 6 November, at 1:15 p.m.

A larger number of briefings is expected when Ministers arrive for the high-level segment of the Conference (15-16 November). Briefings will normally be limited to 30 minutes.

Please note: While regular press briefings will be included in the Daily Programme, many other briefings will be announced on short notice on the CCTV programme monitors only.

Interviews

The office of the Conference Spokesperson will assist journalists, upon request, in contacting delegates for arranging interviews. Requests for interviews with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary should also be addressed to the Conference Spokesperson.

Live and On-Demand Streaming on Internet

Negotiations and many other events can be followed live and on-demand through the conference network. Official meetings, special workshops, as well as press conferences will as well be available on demand from the public website: unfccc.int.

A comprehensive web index provides ready access to information on recorded events. Each recording is classified by date, agenda item and type of meeting. Audio/video on-demand archives will be delivered where possible in the original language and in English. 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.

Side events

130 side events and some 70 exhibits will take place during COP12/MOP2. Side events will normally be held between 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. from Monday, 6 November through Friday, 17 November, except for Sunday, 12 November. For details, please see the Daily Programme of the Conference.

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