

Decision -/CP.14

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Recalling further rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied¹ regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

1. *Decides* to adopt the dates of 3–14 June and 11–22 November for the sessional periods in 2013 as recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;²
2. *Notes* that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, and in the light of recent consultations among the groups, the President of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties would come from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean;³
3. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (2010);
4. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of South Africa to host the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (2011) in South Africa, subject to confirmation by the Bureau that all logistical, technical and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/243;
5. *Also decides* that the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall be held from 7 to 18 December 2009, superseding the dates as agreed in decision 14/CP.13, paragraph 4;
6. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Denmark for the flexibility it demonstrated in agreeing to move the dates of the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above.

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

² FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 140.

³ FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 141.