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INFORMATION NOTE

The secretariat is pleased to inform Parties, observer States and observer organizations of improvements to the UNFCCC website <unfccc.int> that will be available from 24 October 2011 as part of the first phase of a two phase website redesign project (2011-2012).

This project was launched with supplementary funding in response to feedback received from Parties in the secretariat's 2010 survey.

In this first phase in 2011, the secretariat assessed the functionality, navigation and clarity of presentation of information on the website, drawing upon website statistics, feedback from Parties, observer States and observer organizations, including a series of individual interviews with representative Parties, observer organizations and staff. This assessment reconfirmed the high interest to orient this phase of the website design to negotiations, the sessions of the intergovernmental process and documents.

Parties, observer States and observer organizations will now find all conference-related information and documentation consolidated in one place, including a chronological feature making it possible to move forward and backward between conferences. While for official documents, a new information organization structure, known as a taxonomy, was introduced to increase their findability. Enhancements to search also allow users to more easily look for content in multiple ways, such as by topic, body and session, document type and country.

The most accessed documentation on the website: the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, the Bali Action Plan and the Cancun Agreements have their own section on the home page.

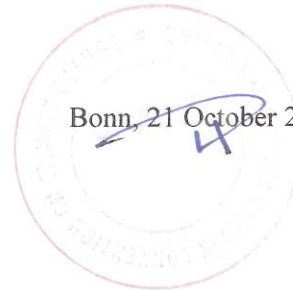
In addition, the Essential Background information has been redeveloped to reflect the Cancun Agreements, and the "Página en español" has been revised and updated to better provide an entry point for Spanish-speaking users.

The secretariat hopes that the redesign of the conference-related information and documentation, and related improvements, will assist Parties and observer organizations in their work.

Distribution: To Parties and observer States through national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, as well to all observer organizations.



Phase 2 of the project, foreseen for 2012, seeks to enhance the remaining substantive sections of the website, the sub-systems e.g. CCI_{Net}, TT:Clear, etc. as well as put in place a new IT platform with new features and interactive functionality.



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