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Doha, Qatar
26 November - 7 December 2012

**18th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
8th Session of the Conference of the Parties serving
as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

High-Level Segment of COP18/CMP8

Technical Briefing on Media Arrangements
by the Media Coordination Team

13:45 hrs Monday, 3 December
in Press Conference Room 1

a) Opening

The high-level segment of the conference will be opened on Tuesday, 8 December, at 3:00 p.m. in Plenary 1. Following a film screening, speakers at the opening ceremony are expected to include COP 18/CMP 8 President, H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah; United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon; a number of Presidents; H.H. Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres.

b) TV Cameras and Still Photographers

A restricted pool of 20 TV cameras and 10 still photographers will have access to the plenary prior to the opening of the high-level segment.

Requests for inclusion into the pool should be submitted to the IBC Manager, Tim Davis +974 3335 7898, no later than 3 December, 4.00 p.m. Pool cards can be collected from the IBC Manager the following day, 4 December, at 12pm noon.

Members of the pool will be asked to assemble no later than 2:00 p.m. at a location to be specified. They can take establishing shots of the plenary for 30 minutes before the opening and will then have a 2-minute close-up photo opportunity of the podium. TV crews will then be asked to leave the room. Still photographers may remain to take pictures of the speakers under the guidance of an UNFCCC Information Officer.

TV organizations without a pool card can receive full live coverage of the opening of the high-level segment from the host broadcaster in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). Recorded coverage will be made available from the host broadcaster on a commercial basis.

An unrestricted (Press Badges Only) designated area will be made available outside the QNCC (entrance on 'Spider'-level) to cover the arrival of Heads of State/ Government and other VVIPs. Positions must be taken by 2:30 p.m. at the latest. It must be understood that TV camera crews and still photographers opting for this position will have to remain in this position until approximately 3:00 p.m. or until the last Head of State/Government has arrived.

c) Print Media

There will be 20 reserved seats on the upper balcony of Plenary 1 for print press media who want to follow the opening in the plenary hall. Entry to this area will be by Special Passes. Tickets will be made available on a first come, first served basis on 4 December from the Media Information Desk in Hall 9

Representatives of the print press media, radio broadcasters and news agencies can follow the opening on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre, on live-webcast on <unfccc.int> or in their respective work space in the IBC.

d) Continuation of high-level segment

The high-level segment of the conference will continue on 5 through to 7 December in Plenary 1 with statements delivered by Heads of State, Heads of Government and Heads of delegation for the list of speakers, see: Daily Programme of 1 December Addendum.) The texts of statements will be made available on the PaperSmart Portal (see link from <unfccc.int>) after their delivery, as they become available from delegations.

PLEASE NOTE: Generally, television crews and still photographers will not be permitted to cover statements made during the high-level segment in Plenary 1. However, there will be several unilateral coverage possibilities for national TV crews and photographers, including those accompanying their respective Head of State/Government, wishing to cover the statements. Prior arrangements for escorted access to Plenary 1 must be made with the IBC Manager, Tim Davis +974 3335 7898.

TV organizations can receive full live coverage of the statements made at the high-level segment from the host broadcaster's pool feed available in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcast Centre (IBC). Recorded coverage will be made available from the host broadcaster on a commercial basis.

e) Press Conferences by Heads of State/Government

It is expected that a number of Heads of State/Government may wish to give press conferences during the High-level Segment of COP18/CMP8. Press conferences will be scheduled in Press Conference Room 1 and, as required, in Press Conference Room 2 at the lower level.

PLEASE NOTE: The delegation of the Head of State/Government giving the press conference may decide to invite only national media of their country to attend their briefing. Please check the programme monitors for relevant announcements.

SPECIAL EVENTS

4 DECEMBER

UNFCCC Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activity Showcase Event

17.30 – 19.30 in Theatre Room

This open event will celebrate climate change activities benefitting the urban poor, with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Remarks by:

Mr. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General

Ms. Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary

Ms. Kelly Rigg, Executive Director of the Global Campaign for Climate Action

Musical performance by Mr. Ragheb Alama

4 DECEMBER

The State of Qatar and the UN Secretary-General co-host a side event on Sustainable Solutions for Climate Action: Food Security in Dry Lands under a Changing Climate

13:15 to 14:45, Side Event Room 1, Hall 5

Moderator: Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Speakers: Mr. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General; H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, President of COP-18 (tbc); Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC; and H.E. Mr. Fahad Bin Mohammed Al-Attiya, Chairman, Qatar National Food Security Programme will deliver opening remarks.

Inter-active Debate:

Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

H.E. Ms. Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Republic of South Africa

Mr. Michel Jarraud Secretary-General, WMO

H.E. Ms. Izabella Monica Vieira Teixeira, Minister of Environment, Brazil

Ms. Rachel Kyte, VP for Sustainable Development, World Bank

H.E. Mr. Kieren Keke, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Nauru

Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, DESA

H.E. Mr. Bård Vegar Solhjell, Minister of the Environment, Norway

Mr. Benedito Braga, President, World Water Council

5 DECEMBER

Presentation of 2012 Lighthouse activities - Urban poor pillar (Rooms: tba)

11:30 – 13:00 Sustainable Transport:

Ahmedabad, Bus Rapid Transit system, Janmarg;

Guangzhou Bus Rapid Transit;

Introduction of electric vehicles to Sri Lanka

13:15 – 14:45 Building resilience against climate change:

Adaptation to coastal erosion in vulnerable areas;

Carbon For Water;

Holistic approaches to community adaptation to climate change.

15:00 – 16:30 Mitigating climate change in urban communities:

Energy Efficiency at Brick Producers in Peru;

Organic waste compost in Nepal;

Solar Sister: A Women Powered Clean Energy Revolution.

5 DECEMBER

UNFCCC Momentum for Change: Launch Event of the Women for Results pillar

17.00 - 19.00 in Theatre Room

This open event will include leaders committed to recognizing the essential role played by women in mitigation and adaptation to climate change, with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation

Remarks by:

Ms. Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary and

Ms. Judith Rodin, President of the Rockefeller Foundation.

High-level Roundtable:

Ms. Christiana Figueres and Ms. Judith Rodin

Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator

Ms. Laksmi Puri, UN Women Deputy Executive Director

Ms. Mary Robinson, The Mary Robinson Foundation

Ms. Terezya Huvisa, AMCEN Chairperson and Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office, United Republic of Tanzania

PLEASE NOTE: For the special events, a designated area with reserved seats will be made available for the press on a first-come-first-served basis. TV crews can cover the event in the rooms under the guidance of the IBC Manager Tim Davis +974 3335 7898.

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Informal Ministerial Round Table

The COP18/CMP8 President, H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, is extending an invitation to all Ministers and Heads of Delegation to participate in an Informal Ministerial Round Table on Wednesday, 5 December 2012 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm, and resuming at 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm, in the Qatar National Conference Center. This informal initiative of the President, responding to requests from Parties, will offer the opportunity for an exchange of views around the theme:

"Ambition, support and delivery, now and in the future"

The overarching question for the Informal Ministerial Round Table is: "How can Mitigation, Adaptation and Means of Implementation be strengthened now and in the future?"

The discussion will offer the opportunity for high-level informal reflections and for a constructive exchange of views on issues.

Images

The Government of Qatar provides free-to-use images of Conference events on Flickr at:
http://www.flickr.com/groups/cop18_cmp8/

Media Coordination and Support

The UNFCCC Media Team offices as well as the offices of the Host Country Media Team can be found in the media centre in Hall 9.

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