

UNFCCC Media Calendar - Milestones to Copenhagen

Date	Event	Objective	Location	Media facilities/opportunities
Monday, 10 August to Friday, 14 August, Bonn	Intersessional informal consultations (Bonn UN Climate Change Talks)	Objective: To Continue work on the negotiating text of the Copenhagen agreed outcome	Location: Hotel Maritim	Closing UNFCCC press conference 14 August at the “Langer Eugen” (UN Campus), after morning plenary (13:15). The UNFCCC press briefing will be followed by briefings of Parties and NGOs. All briefings at the Langer Eugen will be webcast and journalists will be able to phone in to ask questions. Media representatives will be able to observe stock-taking plenary sessions Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but there will no media facilities at the conference venue.
Tuesday, 22 September New York	Summit on Climate Change	Objective: To provide high-level (heads of state and government) political impetus to the negotiating process.	Location: UN Headquarters	Numerous UN media activities, details of which will be posted on www.un.org web site

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Thursday, 24 to Friday, 25 September, Pittsburgh	G-20 Leaders Meeting	Expected result: Clarity with regard to financing international climate change cooperation in the context of Copenhagen.		
Monday, 28 September to Friday, 9 October 2009, Bangkok	Ninth session of the AWG-KP and Seventh session of the AWG-LCA (Bangkok UN Climate Change Negotiations)	Objective: To make progress on the negotiating text of the Copenhagen agreed outcome	Location: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP),	Full media facilities with press briefings by UNFCCC, Parties and nongovernmental organisations (partly focussing on climate change in the Asian context),
Thursday, 29 October to Friday, 30 October, Brussels	European Council	Expected outcome: Elaboration of the EU's position with regard to financing international climate change cooperation in the context of Copenhagen,		
Monday, 2 November to Friday, 6 November 2009, Barcelona	Resumed Ninth session of the AWG-KP and resumed Seventh session of the AWG-LCA (Barcelona UN Climate Change Negotiations)	Objective: To further fine-tune the negotiating text of the Copenhagen agreed outcome	Location: Fira Barcelona	Full media facilities, press briefings by UNFCCC, Parties and nongovernmental organizations

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Monday, 7 December to Friday, 18 December 2009	COP 15 and CMP 5, Copenhagen (UN Climate Change Conference)	Objective: To reach agreement on an ambitious and effective international climate change deal	Location: Bella Center	Full media facilities, press briefings by UNFCCC, Parties and nongovernmental organisations. Up to 12 press conferences a day. Closes with three-day ministerial segment.

Background information

Work under the AWG-LCA

The “Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention” was launched in Bali in 2007 with the mandate to negotiate an agreed outcome by the end of 2009. The AWG-LCA comprises all 192 Parties to the UNFCCC. Draft negotiating text for consideration by the AWG-LCA concerns issues of a shared vision for long-term cooperative action, enhanced action on adaptation, mitigation and finance, technology and capacity-building.

Work under the AWG-KP

The “Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol” comprises all 185 Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The group focuses on amendments to the treaty relating to emission reduction commitments of 37 industrialized countries for the second phase of the protocol (so post-2012). The AWG-KP began its work in Montreal in 2005 and is set to conclude its negotiations in December of this year. Other issues intended for discussion under the protocol are how for example how to improve emissions trading, coverage of emissions credits, the Kyoto Protocol’s so-called “project-based mechanisms” and on options for the treatment of and use, land-use change and forestry.

For updates on meetings, please refer to <http://unfccc.int/meetings/items/2654.php>.

For fact sheets, media contacts and details about accreditations, please go to <http://unfccc.int/press/items/2794.php>

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About the UNFCCC

With 192 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has to date 185 Parties. Under the Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.