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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the final edition of our UNFCCC newsletter in 2009.

This year culminates in the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (COP 15). Negotiators, ministers and world leaders will assemble in the Danish capital in December to give the people of all nations a strong answer to the common, global threat of climate change and set humanity onto a path of sustainable growth for everyone.

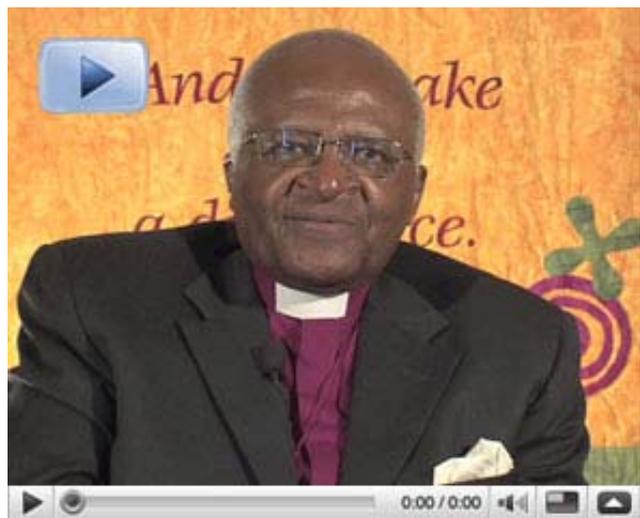
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yvo de Boer'.

Yvo de Boer, *Executive Secretary*
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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**VIDEO MESSAGE FOR COP 15
BY ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA**



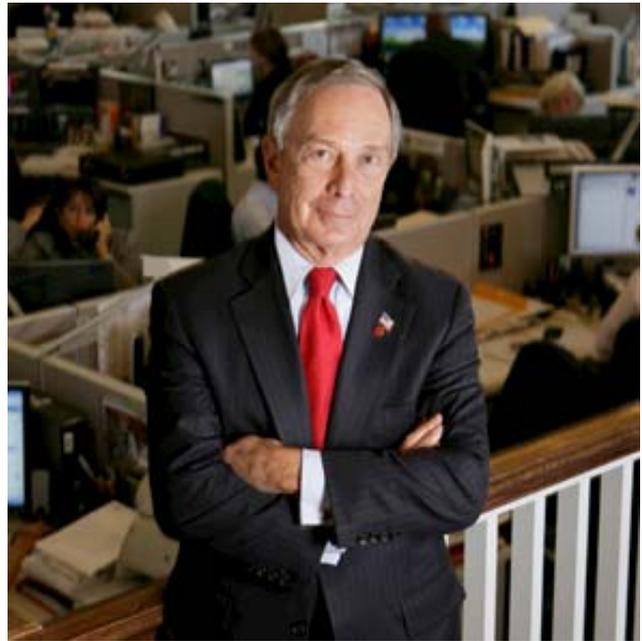
**VIDEO MESSAGE FOR COP 15
BY ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU**

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THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

By Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York

This month's global summit in Copenhagen will bring together world leaders and national delegations who will work together to develop a meaningful framework for combating climate change. Although the prospects for achieving a binding international treaty are unclear, there is still reason to be hopeful. The Copenhagen gathering will include not just representatives of national governments, but also mayors from many of the world's largest cities, regional government officials, CEOs, labour leaders and activists representing a broad range of issues. These leaders will participate in hundreds of additional events that are not part of the international negotiations. [More...](#)



MITIGATION

GAP REMAINS BETWEEN EMISSION REDUCTION PLEDGES AND WHAT SCIENCE RECOMMENDS

At Copenhagen, the AWG-KP will present the results of its work on the consideration of emission reduction commitments for industrialized countries for subsequent commitment periods of the Kyoto Protocol. [More...](#)

REDD TEXT IN GOOD SHAPE FOR COPENHAGEN

Progress made at the recent talks held in Barcelona enabled the text on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation in Developing Countries (REDD) to be further narrowed down, creating a solid basis for negotiation in Copenhagen. [More...](#)

OFFSETTING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR COPENHAGEN

With an estimated 15,000 people travelling to Copenhagen from all over the world for the UN Climate Change Conference, the main objective of the organizers is to minimize greenhouse gas emissions as far as possible. Whatever cannot be avoided is to be offset. [More...](#)

SECOND ALL-AFRICA CARBON FORUM TO TAKE PLACE IN 2010 / CDM PHOTO AND VIDEO CONTEST SHORTLISTS ANNOUNCED

A second all-Africa Carbon Forum will be held in Kenya from 3-5 March next year; and the top 25 shortlisted images and top 8 shortlisted videos for the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) International Photo and Video Contest have been chosen. [More...](#)



CALL FOR INVENTORY REVIEW EXPERTS

Interested in becoming a recognized UN expert on reviews of greenhouse gas emissions and inventories? The UNFCCC secretariat is seeking to train new recruits for its expert review teams. [More...](#)



ADAPTATION

DEVELOPMENTS ON ADAPTATION AT BARCELONA TALKS

Adaptation negotiations continued well at the last AWG-LCA session before Copenhagen. At the latest talks in Barcelona, Parties agreed on text to be forwarded to Copenhagen to serve as the basis for finalizing agreement on how to enhance action on adaptation now, up to and beyond 2012. [More...](#)

PROGRESS IN NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTED IN NEW PUBLICATIONS

At COP 15, the secretariat will present two new publications detailing the work of the Nairobi work programme, as well as a paper on the potential costs and benefits of adaptation options. [More...](#)

ENHANCED INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON THE NWP WEBPAGES

New enhancements, available in time for COP 15, will improve the user-friendliness of the Nairobi work programme webpages. Most importantly, a new database provides searchable information on all NWP partners, their action pledges and action undertaken, as well as on adaptation experts identified under the Nairobi work programme. [More...](#)

FINANCE

BARCELONA SESSION: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR COPENHAGEN OUTCOME

At the resumed seventh session of the AWG-LCA held in Barcelona, the discussions on enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment commenced with the acceptance of non-paper 34 forming the basis for discussions at the session. [More...](#)

FINANCE WEB PORTAL PRESENTED AT BARCELONA SIDE EVENT

At a joint side event in Barcelona, the UNFCCC secretariat, UNDP and World Bank presented pilot climate finance portals that aim to provide information on financing for climate change to support developing countries. [More...](#)



THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD SELECTS A HOME: GERMANY

The Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) has decided that Germany will be the host country. With a host country selected, the process for conferring legal capacity on the AFB has been initiated by the German government. The board needs legal capacity in order to be able to sign legally binding contracts. [More...](#)

NEEDS UPDATE: INTERIM REPORT SOON TO BE PUBLISHED

The secretariat will soon publish an interim report on the NEEDS for Climate Change Initiative, which looks at the financing needs of developing country Parties to implement mitigation and adaptation measures. Experts from all 11 participating countries will present their key findings and lessons learned at a side event at COP 15 in Copenhagen. [More...](#)



TECHNOLOGY

EMERGING CONSENSUS ON TECHNOLOGY AHEAD OF COPENHAGEN

Negotiations on technology development and transfer made further advances at the recent talks in Barcelona, with growing consensus on a number of issues. [More...](#)

AWG-LCA UPDATE

COUNTRIES EXPRESS STRONG DESIRE FOR AMBITIOUS OUTCOME IN COPENHAGEN

Continued progress was made at the resumed seventh session of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) held in Barcelona, where many countries expressed a strong desire to leave Copenhagen with a comprehensive and ambitious outcome. [More...](#)



MOBILE VERSION OF UNFCCC WEBSITE AND IPHONE APPLICATION FOR COP 15

Stay tuned with the conference using the mobile version of the UNFCCC website. Using the iPhone application, users can:

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- Read the latest documents, agendas and meetings information
- Join the Talks via the Facebook and Twitter channels and be part of the action
- Get logistical information about the conference

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KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

“THE PRIVATE SECTOR NEEDS TO BE FULLY INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COPENHAGEN DEAL”

BARCELONA, SPAIN, 04 NOVEMBER 2009

In a speech to the Climate Group, UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer stressed that an ambitious agreed outcome in Copenhagen will create new business opportunities for the private sector. These opportunities lie in the implementation of the outcome, which the private sector needs to be fully involved in. [More...](#)



“ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGIES ARE AT THE HEART OF DEALING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE”

NEW DELHI, INDIA, 22 OCTOBER 2009

In his address to the Delhi High Level Conference on Climate Change, Yvo de Boer outlined how the

essentials of a strong climate change deal in Copenhagen can be captured in an overarching decision, including a deadline for completing negotiations on a comprehensive outcome. [More...](#)



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OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

ALL ABOARD THE UN KYOTO-COPENHAGEN EXPRESS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

A one-time train link between Kyoto and Copenhagen opened up early November - a United Nations-sponsored, one-month, 9,000-kilometre journey symbolically joining the site of the last global warming pact with what is hoped to be the birthplace of the next major, and stricter, treaty to combat climate change. [More...](#)

AT UN FOOD SUMMIT, BAN LAYS OUT STEPS TO SAVE BILLIONS FROM HUNGER

During a three-day United Nations summit on world food security held on 16 November in Rome, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned that on that day alone, more than 17,000 children would die of hunger – one every five seconds, 6 million a year – even as the planet has more than enough food for all. [More...](#)

UN MEMBER STATES REACH AGREEMENT ON FINANCING OF SUSTAINABLE FORESTS

United Nations Member States have reached an agreement that sets out the path to financing sustainable forest management, ending nearly two decades of debate on an issue that is becoming more and more critical because of the impact of climate change. [More...](#)

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TOP METHODIST TO JOIN CLIMATE CYCLE RIDE TO COPENHAGEN

The British Methodist Church's Events Co-ordinator has said he will join a team of 28 volunteers cycling 140 miles to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. The cyclists will have a clear message for world leaders: It's not raining, it's

pouring – time to act on climate change. [More...](#)

MAMA MIA! WARMING MAY ROB ITALY OF PASTA

Scientists warn that Italy may be forced to import the basic ingredients for pasta, its national food, because climate change will make it impossible to grow durum wheat. [More...](#)

'GLOBAL WARMING' AMONG THE WORDS THAT DEFINE THE DECADE

Global warming has topped a list of the most used words of the decade, according to the Global Language Monitor, which uses a math formula to track the frequency of words and phrases in print and electronic media. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

02–04 DEC

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

CDM-EB 51

Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism, fifty-first meeting. [More...](#)

03–04 DEC

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

JISC 19

Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, nineteenth meeting. [More...](#)

07–18 DEC

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

COP 15 AND CMP 5

Conference of the Parties (COP), fifteenth session, and Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), fifth session, and sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies. [More...](#)

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