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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our UNFCCC newsletter.

A week of informal negotiations will take place in August in Bonn, giving governments a great opportunity to make further concrete and substantive progress on the key issues that need to be resolved to reach an agreed outcome in Copenhagen in December.



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

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NAPAS MAKING HEADWAY

With 41 out of 48 National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) already completed, many countries are now moving into the implementation phase. A step-by-step guidebook describing the NAPA implementation process is soon to be published, and will be used in future regional training workshops on NAPA implementation. [More...](#)



MITIGATION

During week-long informal discussions in Bonn in August, the AWG-KP will consider documentation to facilitate negotiations among Parties, building upon the work of the AWG-KP at its eighth session.

[AWG-KP to resume negotiation of emission reduction commitments for industrialized countries at informal August meeting](#)



At the Bonn Climate Change Talks in June, solid progress was above all made on methodologies that make it possible to monitor and report emissions from deforestation, which accounts for around 20% of all greenhouse gas pollution.

[Developments on REDD at the June Bonn Talks](#)

The UNFCCC secretariat has produced audio files aimed at raising awareness about the Clean Development Mechanism. The files cover a range of topics, from how it functions to current issues, as told by a cross-section of people directly involved in the mechanism.

[Communicating the CDM – audio file service launched](#)

As reported in the May edition of our newsletter, the secretariat has cooperated with Google and the Danish government as hosts of COP 15 to display official UNFCCC greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions data for Annex I Parties using Google Maps. The Maps are now online and can be accessed on the UNFCCC GHG data interface.

[Google Maps go live](#)

Final preparations are being made for this year's reviews of greenhouse gas inventory submissions under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol; the first time Annex I Parties to the Kyoto Protocol will report information on the Kyoto units. Also, reviews of the fourth national communications will be completed this year and training of new review experts is intensified.

[Update of reporting and review for industrialized countries](#)



ADAPTATION

At the Bonn Talks in June, Parties welcomed the progress made up to the thirtieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) on the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.

[Developments on Nairobi work programme at June Bonn Talks](#)

The next technical workshop under the Nairobi work programme, on advancing the integration of approaches to adaptation planning, is scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 – 14 October.

[Technical workshop on adaptation planning](#)

At the session in Bonn in June, Parties and relevant organizations were requested to submit to the secretariat their views on possible further action on implementing the Buenos Aires Programme of Work.

[Invitation for submissions on Buenos Aires Programme of Work](#)



FINANCE

At the June session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Parties focused their discussions on the reviews and assessments of the financial mechanism and the funds under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. The 4th review of the financial mechanism and the assessment of the implementation of the Special Climate Change Fund will be completed at COP15 in Copenhagen.

[Dialogue continues on financial issues: perspectives differ](#)

The meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board in June continued to build momentum regarding the Board's goal of processing project proposals before the CMP session in Copenhagen. Further progress was also made on the issue of direct access to funding.

[Adaptation Fund: momentum growing](#)



TECHNOLOGY

At the Bonn Climate Change Talks in June, the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) delivered its final reports on financing options for technology, as well as its strategy paper for the long-term perspective beyond 2012 for enhancing technology transfer under the Convention.

[Progress made on the delivery of technology at the June Bonn Talks](#)

An African regional workshop on preparing technology transfer projects for financing will be held from 2 – 4 September 2009 in Botswana. The workshop aims to enhance the capacity of project developers in the region to convert project ideas into project proposals that meet the standards of international financial providers.

[African regional workshop on preparing technology transfer projects for financing](#)

Users can now access valuable information on patents by visiting PATENTSCOPE, the World Intellectual Property Organization's portal for patents and patent-related resources. A link to the portal is available from the UNFCCC's TT:Clear website.

[World Intellectual Property Organization \(WIPO\) PATENTSCOPE](#)

The secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have recently released an updated handbook for conducting Technology Needs Assessments, which provides a practical tool to assist developing countries in assessing technology priorities and in developing follow-up strategies, programmes and projects for implementation.

[Update of Technology Needs Assessment Handbook](#)



AWG-LCA Update

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) will meet for intersessional informal consultations from 10 – 14 August, 2009, at which Parties will discuss a revised negotiating text. [More...](#)

“SINCE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS WILL BE EXTREMELY SEVERE FOR ASIA, A DEAL AT THE COPENHAGEN CLIMATE CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR ASIA.”

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, 17 JUNE 2009

Climate change impacts will be extremely severe for Asia. They will exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and negatively influence further economic development in the region. A deal at the Climate Conference in Copenhagen in December this year is therefore of critical importance for Asia. These were the main messages from a speech by UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer at the High Level Conference on Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific. [More...](#)



“THERE ARE MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT CAN BOOST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.”

NAIROBI, KENYA, 29 MAY 2009

Addressing Ministers at the AMCEN special session on climate change, Yvo de Boer stressed the urgent need for adaptation, especially in Africa. He also stressed the economic opportunities of mitigation actions in Africa, saying that they can contribute to creating real competitive economic advantages for Africa going into the future. [More...](#)



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GUEST COLUMN

STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE

By **Chaitanya Kalia**, *Climate Change & Sustainability Services, Ernst & Young, Mumbai*

It is said that great opportunities are presented brilliantly disguised as impossible situations. Restricting climate change is a significant opportunity, where very high levels of risks and rewards for the global community are at stake. With every passing day, alarm is being raised by experts over the increasing threats of

climate change. The impact is real, and awareness is increasing amongst citizens and Governments across the globe. The journey that began by defining "Our Common Future," at present revolves around achievable targets, timeframes and various cost options to combat climate change. [More...](#)



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THE NATURAL FIX – THE ROLE OF ECOSYSTEMS IN CLIMATE MITIGATION

Very large cuts in emissions of greenhouse gases are needed if we are to avoid the worst effects of global climate change. A recent report published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Convention on Biological Diversity describes the vital contribution that ecosystems can and must make to these efforts. [More...](#)

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT REPORT ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) has published a report that recommends disaster risk reduction actions to help all countries – not least the most vulnerable developing countries – to adapt to climate change, reduce poverty and safeguard development. [More...](#)

INDEX INSURANCE AS TOOL TO HELP MANAGE CLIMATE RISKS AND REDUCE POVERTY

A type of insurance, called index insurance, now offers major opportunities as a climate-risk management tool in developing countries, according to a new publication launched recently at the Global Humanitarian Forum in Geneva. [More...](#)

[VISIT THE GATEWAY TO THE UN SYSTEM'S WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE](#)



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EUROPE TO STAGE CLIMATE CONCERTS

A Europe-wide survey shows that only about half of people aged between 15 and 24 have ever taken action to fight climate change, the lowest of any age group. A campaign using concerts, special television programmes and online features is now underway to raise the awareness of young Europeans about climate change. [More...](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE SHRINKS WILD SHEEP: SCIENTISTS

Climate change has caused a flock of wild sheep on a remote northern Scottish island to become smaller, according to an unusual investigation published recently. The study explains a mystery that has bedevilled scientists for the past two years. [More...](#)

MEAN, GREEN MACHINE – FUTURE OF MOTOR RACING

Cars powered by chocolate, steered by carrots with drivers sitting on soybean oil foam seats – it's motor racing's cheap, cheerful and environmentally-friendly series of the future. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 – 14 AUG

BONN, GERMANY

Bonn Climate Change Talks August 2009

The AWG-KP and AWG-LCA will hold a week of intersessional informal consultations. [More...](#)

7 + 10 – 11 SEP

KIEV, UKRAINE

JISC 17

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

09 – 11 Sep

BONN, GERMANY

CDM-EB 49

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

24 – 26 SEP

BANGKOK, THAILAND

LEG 16

Sixteenth meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group.

28 SEP – 09 OCT

BANGKOK, THAILAND

AWG-KP 9 & AWG-LCA 7

Ninth session of the AWG-KP and seventh session of the AWG-LCA. [More...](#)

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