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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our UNFCCC newsletter, my first as Executive Secretary.

I very much look forward to the upcoming intergovernmental climate change negotiations in the first week of August in Bonn. Only governments, working together, can mobilize the full power of society, science and business to meet the climate challenge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'CAF'.

Christiania Figueres, *Executive Secretary*
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

IN FOCUS

FIRST FOUR PROJECTS TO RECEIVE ADAPTATION FUND MONEY

A major outcome of the the tenth meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board, held from 14–16 June in Bonn, was the approval of four proposals for concrete adaptation projects. The project concepts endorsed had been submitted by Nicaragua, Pakistan, Senegal and the Solomon Islands, with a total proposed value of USD 21.8 million. Funding will become available following the Board's next meeting in September.

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MITIGATION

EMERGING CLARITY IN MITIGATION DISCUSSIONS UNDER THE AWG-LCA



At the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), the Chair focused the discussions among Parties on some key substantive issues, which helped Parties gain greater clarity on these issues. [More...](#)

USD 4 BILLION PLEDGED IN OSLO FOR REDD+ PARTNERSHIP

The REDD+ Partnership, an initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, was given a financial boost at a recent meeting in Oslo, where countries pledged USD 4 billion over the next three years. The partnership will support and contribute to the UNFCCC process.

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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE: BEYOND TARGETS

Consideration of industrialized countries' compliance with their targets under the Kyoto Protocol is only one part of what the Compliance Committee does. At its latest meeting held in Bonn at the end of June, one of the issues discussed was conflict of interest in the context of the Committee's work. [More...](#)

GHG DATA INTERFACE UPDATED

The UNFCCC secretariat released an update of the GHG Data Interface on 7 July 2010. From 2010 onwards, updates will become more frequent, with three per year.

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ADAPTATION

LATEST PROGRESS ON ADAPTATION AT JUNE SESSION

The latest negotiations on adaptation under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) progressed with Parties considering outstanding issues, including institutional arrangements for adaptation.

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WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS UNDER THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME

A technical workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options was held in June in Madrid, Spain – the last technical workshop under the current implementation phase, which concludes in September with an informal meeting on the outcomes of activities completed under the work programme. [More...](#)

UPCOMING TRAINING ON IMPLEMENTING NAPAS



The fourth in a series of five workshops for implementing National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) will take place from 4–8 September 2010 in Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe. The workshop is targeting Lusophone Least Developed Countries. [More...](#)



FINANCE

GREATER CLARITY ON OPTIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

At the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), Parties achieved more clarity on options for institutional arrangements, such as the establishment of a new fund under the financial mechanism of the Convention. [More...](#)

DELIBERATIONS CONTINUE ON THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its thirty-second session in June, addressed important issues relating to the financial mechanism of the Convention. These included: its fourth review; the report by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and guidance to the GEF; and assessment of the Special Climate Change Fund. [More...](#)

TECHNOLOGY

FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM AT JUNE SESSION



Parties at the tenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), held in June, confirmed the progress made in Copenhagen, with discussions shifting towards how the Technology Mechanism would work in practice. [More...](#)

COLLABORATING ON R&D FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The Expert Group on Technology Transfer is preparing options to facilitate collaborative research and development (R&D) on technologies for mitigation and adaptation that could both substantially reduce costs and improve the performance of these technologies. [More...](#)



AWG-LCA UPDATE

REVISED TEXT ON THE TABLE AT AUGUST MEETING

A second iteration of the text to facilitate negotiations among Parties will be on the table at the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), to be held in Bonn from 2–6 August. The revised text will be based on progress made at the June session. [More...](#)



AWG-KP UPDATE

FOCUS REMAINS ON SCALE OF EMISSION REDUCTIONS

At the thirteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), taking place in Bonn from 2–6 August, discussions will remain focused on consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate and individually. [More...](#)



CAPACITY-BUILDING UPDATE

FUNDING SECURED FOR AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

At the June session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Parties agreed unanimously on the importance of regional workshops in implementing Article 6 of the Convention, which addresses education, training and public awareness on climate change. A regional workshop on this issue is due to take place in the Gambia in September 2010.

UNFCCC fellowship programme – LAST CALL!
Deadline for applications is 31 July 2010. [More...](#)

DEVELOPING A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR REDD+

By **Vincent Kasulu Seya Makonga**, *Chief Director for Development at the Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism of the Democratic Republic of Congo*

The Democratic Republic of Congo is developing a national strategy for REDD+ and is the first country to succeed in getting its preparatory readiness plan supported by two of the major REDD+ initiatives, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and UN REDD Programme. The realization by developing countries of the need for good REDD+ strategies is leading to increased and better coordinated support for their REDD+ readiness activities. In this video, Vincent Kasulu Seya Makonga talks of his country's efforts to develop a REDD+ strategy.



French original version...

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GLOBAL TRENDS IN GREEN ENERGY 2009: NEW POWER CAPACITY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES TOPS FOSSIL FUELS

In 2009, for the second year in a row, both the US and Europe added more power capacity from renewable sources such as wind and solar than from conventional sources like coal, gas and nuclear, according to twin reports launched mid-July by UNEP and the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21). [More...](#)

URGENT ACTION NEEDED FOR PASTORALISTS TO COPE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

A recent report by the United Nations and partners reveals that urgent action is needed to help pastoralists cope with the rising impacts of climate change, including strategies by governments to facilitate safe passage across borders in the Horn and East Africa region. [More...](#)

MIGRATORY SPECIES FACE DISASTER FROM CLIMATE CHANGE, UN-BACKED REPORT WARNS

Migratory species face disaster from the effects of climate change unless urgent action is taken, according to the preliminary findings of a forthcoming United Nations-backed report. [More...](#)

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SOLAR IMPULSE COMPLETES RECORD-BREAKING FLIGHT

A solar-powered plane has become the first to complete a 24-hour flight, using batteries charged during the day to keep it aloft overnight. [More...](#)

THAILAND FIGHTS ADDICTION TO PLASTIC BAGS

Bangkok is holding a 'No Bag, No Baht' campaign to reduce the 600,000 plastic bags the Thai capital consumes every day. [More...](#)

HOW BIG IS YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Almost everything we do has a carbon footprint of some kind, but how do we know what it is? Should we avoid leaving our television sets on standby, or boycott plastic bags, or stop flying, or all of the above? [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2 – 6 AUG

BONN, GERMANY

AWG-KP 13 & AWG-LCA 11

The thirteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP 13) and the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA 11). [More...](#)

30 AUG – 3 SEP

BONN, GERMANY

JITW

Joint Implementation Technical Workshop

14 – 16 SEP

BONN, GERMANY

11th meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board

20 – 24 SEP

PETRÓPOLIS, BRAZIL

CDM-EB 56

56th meeting of the CDM Executive Board (EB 56)

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