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Dear Reader,

With the first half of the year already behind us, this is a good point to take stock of where we stand on delivering the Cancun Agreements.

Looking back, there has been progress, including at the June session in Bonn. We must now focus on what we still need to accomplish to make COP 17 in Durban a success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Figueres'.

Christiania Figueres, *Executive Secretary*
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HOUSEHOLDS, COMMUNITIES BENEFIT IN RANGE OF WAYS FROM PROJECTS UNDER CDM

The Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism helps countries travel a green path to development by creating incentives for private sector investment in emission reduction projects. Work now under way at the UNFCCC secretariat is revealing a clearer picture of the benefits of the mechanism at the household and community level, from income generation, to health benefits, to education. [More...](#)



THE MULTIPLE BENEFITS OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING

By **Harry Verhaar**, Sr. Director Energy & Climate Change, Philips Lighting

According to the International Energy Agency, about 19% of all electricity generated worldwide is used for lighting, while about two thirds of all lighting installed today is energy inefficient. In this video, Philips lighting boss Harry Verhaar sets out energy and cost savings of new light technology.

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MITIGATION

DEVELOPMENTS ON MITIGATION AT THE JUNE SESSION

The June meeting in Bonn saw Parties address a wide range of issues, with particular attention to biennial reports and international assessment and review of emissions/removals (for developed countries); and biennial update reports and international consultation and analysis (for developing countries), as well as a registry for developing country NAMAs. [More...](#)

SECOND ROUND OF MITIGATION WORKSHOPS HELD IN BONN

Building on the outcomes of the first workshops in Bangkok in April, a further two pre-session workshops held ahead of the June Climate Change Conference in Bonn gave Parties the opportunity to intensify information sharing on assumptions and conditions on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed countries, as well as on nationally appropriate mitigation actions submitted by developing countries and the support needed. [More...](#)

MORE OPPORTUNITIES EMERGING FOR CDM IN AFRICA

With more than 1,000 registered participants, the African Carbon Forum demonstrated that Africa is an increasingly attractive destination for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects. The forum, which took place in Marrakech in early July, brought together project developers, buyers, service providers and others, all hoping to tap the potential of carbon offset projects on the continent. [More...](#)

REDD+ DISCUSSION FORUM TO BE LAUNCHED IN AUGUST

An interactive discussion forum on "Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries"(REDD+) is currently under development and will go live in August. The forum will function as a virtual discussion platform for technical experts undertaking REDD+activities. [More...](#)



ADAPTATION

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON ADAPTATION AT THE JUNE SESSION

Strides were made on adaptation related items at the Bonn meeting, in particular on the Adaptation Committee, with the emergence of a draft decision text for further consideration and adoption at COP 17 in Durban. [More...](#)

NEW PUBLICATIONS

New publications have recently been made available offering new insights on different aspects of adaptation to climate change. [More...](#)



FINANCE

FINANCE DISCUSSIONS AT THE JUNE SESSION FOCUS ON STANDING COMMITTEE AND LONG-TERM FINANCE

Substantive discussions took place during the second part of the 14th Session of the AWG-LCA in June on finance related issues, which focused on the Standing Committee and long-term finance. Submissions by Parties presenting their views on the respective subjects helped facilitate the discussion on both issues and set the basis for further work at the resumed session in October. [More...](#)

TOKYO HOSTS SECOND MEETING OF GREEN CLIMATE FUND TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE

The second meeting of the Transitional Committee for the design of the Green Climate Fund, held from 13 – 14 July in Tokyo, concluded with an agreed work plan that maps out the steps the Committee will take in order to deliver its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties in Durban. [More...](#)

FAST-START FINANCE: SUBMISSIONS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NOW AVAILABLE

The first submissions from developed country Parties detailing the resources provided as fast-start finance have now been received and are available on the UNFCCC website. [More...](#)

ADAPTATION FUND BOARD ACCREDITS FIRST REGIONAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITY

At its fourteenth meeting in June, the Adaptation Fund Board accredited the West African Development Bank (BOAD) as the first Regional Implementing Entity, and the National Environment Fund of Benin as the fourth National Implementing Entity. The Board endorsed six project concepts and approved a total of USD 17.4 million in grant funding for three fully-developed project proposals. [More...](#)

TECHNOLOGY

PROGRESS ON THE CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND NETWORK AT JUNE SESSION

Arrangements to make the Technology Mechanism fully operational in 2012 took centre stage in the discussions on technology at the June session in Bonn, with particular progress made in further defining the Climate Technology Centre and Network. [More...](#)

TAKING STOCK OF THE TNA PROCESS

The future of the Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) process was the focus of a workshop held in Bonn on 1-2 June. During the event, the secretariat launched a



training package on preparing technology transfer projects for financing. [More...](#)



AWG-LCA UPDATE

AWG-LCA MOVES INTO FULL WORKING MODE WITH COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

At its most recent session held in Bonn, the AWG-LCA moved into the substantive work of the many areas on its extensive agenda; ranging from a shared vision for long-term cooperative action, adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology and capacity-building, to review, continued discussion on the legal options for an agreed outcome, and other matters. [More...](#)



AWG-KP UPDATE

AWG-KP CHAIR ISSUES A REVISED TEXT AT END OF BONN SESSION

During the Bonn session, the AWG-KP continued to clarify what is needed to achieve an agreement on further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol after the end of the first commitment period. Some progress was also made on the specific issues under negotiation, which allowed the Chair to issue a revised streamlined text. [More...](#)

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"AFRICA HOLDS ONE OF THE GREATEST POTENTIALS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARBON MARKET."

AFRICA CARBON FORUM
MARRAKECH, MOROCCO, 4 – 6 JULY 2011

Speaking at the closing session of the third Africa Carbon Forum held in Marrakech, Christiana Figueres highlighted the great potential for Africa to participate in the carbon market, which she said is in

the process of reinvigorating itself. [More...](#)



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UN LAUNCHES NEW INFORMATION PORTAL ON MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

The Multilateral Environmental Agreements Information and Knowledge Management Initiative aims to assist Parties to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and the environment community at large, to access MEA information from one central location. [More...](#)



CURBING BLACK CARBON WOULD BRING DRAMATIC, QUICK BENEFITS TO ALL

Global warming could be slowed down if governments cleaned up what's known as black carbon from industry and cooking fires, 50 of the world's leading atmospheric scientists have said. [More...](#)



CALL FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO AVOID ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION

A fundamental technological overhaul of production processes is required worldwide to end poverty and avert the likely catastrophic impacts of climate change and environmental degradation. "Business as usual is not an option," said Rob Vos, lead author of

the report *The World Economic and Social Survey 2011: The Great Green Technological Transformation*. [More...](#)



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ANCIENT VIKINGS COULD NOT ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

According to new research into the collapse of a centuries old colony established by Vikings in Western Greenland, human adaptation to changing climate may not be a new problem at all. [More...](#)

FORESTS SOAK UP THIRD OF EMISSIONS: STUDY

Forests play a larger role in the earth's climate system than previously suspected, for both the risks from deforestation and the potential gains from regrowth, a benchmark study has shown. [More...](#)

EARTH EXPERIENCING 'GLOBAL MASS EXTINCTION'

Climate change is speeding up the rate at which animals and plants are becoming extinct. By the end of the century, one in 10 species could be on the verge of extinction because of the effects of global warming, a study has found. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

04 – 05 AUG
BONN, GERMANY

26th MEETING OF THE JI ACCREDITATION PANEL

08 – 09 AUG
WASHINGTON D.C., USA

ADAPTATION FUND: 7th MEETING OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL

15 – 19 AUG
BONN, GERMANY

51st MEETING OF THE CDM METHODOLOGY PANEL

01 – 07 OCT

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

AWG-KP 16 and AWG-LCA 14

The 3rd part of the 16th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP 16) and the 3rd part of the 14th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA 14). [More...](#)

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