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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of our UNFCCC newsletter in 2010.

The need for ambitious global action to reduce emissions and implement immediate action to combat climate change is as pressing as it ever was. Countries have already expressed their strong desire to build on the outcomes of Copenhagen to make renewed progress in the negotiations under the Convention and to move towards concrete outcomes in Mexico. Collective action remains the fastest route to success.

The next meeting is from 9 – 11 April in Bonn.

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

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

IN FOCUS

BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF KYOTO'S MARKET MECHANISMS

Parties are still taking stock of the outcome in Copenhagen, but their views so far, together with the success of the mechanisms themselves, suggests an expanded role for market-based approaches in the international response to climate change. In Focus spoke with the UNFCCC secretariat's John Kilani to get his views on where the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Joint Implementation (JI) stand post Copenhagen. [More...](#)



MITIGATION

AWG-KP UPDATE



The main focus in Copenhagen was to finalize the work of the AWG-KP and to agree on an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol that would enable a second commitment period to follow the end of the first commitment period in 2012. [More...](#)

PROGRESS ON REDD

In Copenhagen, Parties progressed in many sections of the negotiating text on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD), in particular concerning the issue of safeguards. This includes respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as the protection of natural forests. [More...](#)

CDM EVOLVING AND IMPROVING

The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is constantly evolving and improving, guided by decisions taken by the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at annual international climate conferences. In Copenhagen in December, Parties came up with a list of important mandates for the CDM Executive Board. [More...](#)

GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY REVIEWS

Lead reviewers will meet for the seventh time from 10 – 12 March in Bonn. These are experienced experts who lead the review teams dealing with information reported by developed countries on their greenhouse gas emissions. [More...](#)



ADAPTATION

ADAPTATION UPDATE

Negotiations on adaptation under the AWG-LCA at COP 15 progressed with Parties agreeing on an adaptation framework aimed at enhancing action on adaptation, including through international cooperation. [More...](#)

NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME: UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

A technical workshop will be held in Apia, Samoa, from 2 – 5 March focusing on how to enhance collaboration among regional centres and networks undertaking work relevant to climate change. Costs and benefits of adaptation options will be the theme of a further workshop scheduled for April in Madrid, Spain. [More...](#)

FINANCE

FINANCE UPDATE

At COP 15, negotiations on enhanced provision of financial resources under the AWG-LCA focused primarily on institutional arrangements, complemented by discussions on scale and sources of finance. Other topics discussed in Copenhagen



included the fourth review of the Financial Mechanism and the review of the Adaptation Fund. [More...](#)

NEEDS SIDE EVENT AT COP 15

A side event on the NEEDS for Climate Change project was held during COP 15 in Copenhagen. Countries participating in the NEEDS project had the opportunity to present and discuss interim results of the ongoing financing needs assessments. [More...](#)



TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Negotiations on technology development and transfer under the AWG-LCA made significant progress at COP 15, but several outstanding issues have still to be resolved. Also at Copenhagen, the Expert Group on Technology Transfer had its programme of work for 2010 – 2011 endorsed. [More...](#)

SPECIAL EGTT MEETING IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) held a special meeting in Sydney, Australia, on 22 and 23 February to initiate some of the activities included in its programme of work endorsed at Copenhagen in December 2009. [More...](#)

PREPARING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECTS FOR FINANCING

Belize will be the setting for a Latin America and Caribbean regional workshop on preparing technology transfer projects for financing, to be held from 5 – 7 May. The workshop aims to enhance the capacity of project developers in Latin American and Caribbean countries in preparing project proposals that will meet the standards of international financial providers. [More...](#)



AWG-LCA UPDATE

FURTHER STEPS FORWARD IN COPENHAGEN

By the end of the eighth session of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) in Copenhagen, negotiators had come close to decisions on a set of measures which would make a long-term response to climate change operational. [More...](#)

THE VOICE OF YOUTH AT COP 15

A host of activities took place at COP 15 to enhance the participation of young people from developing countries and to support youth contributions to the negotiations. Overall, almost 1,500 young people participated in the conference. [More...](#)



KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

CLIMATE POLICY AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH – THE INSEPARABLE GOALS

By Yvo de Boer, *UNFCCC Executive Secretary*

In December, over 120 leaders came to the Copenhagen climate conference bearing messages that recognized the response to the climate threat for what it is: a long-term battle to safeguard economic growth and eradicate poverty in a sustainable manner. It is no coincidence that the importance of climate policy has been grasped at leadership level in the midst of the worst financial crisis for generations. [More...](#)



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GUEST COLUMN

STRONG POLICY WILL DRIVE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN LOW CARBON SOLUTIONS

By Peter Dunscombe, *Chairman of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)*

The climate is changing and the investments needed for mitigation and adaptation are huge. Private sector capital will be critical to meeting this challenge, with estimates suggesting that around 85% of the total investment must come from private sources, including institutional investors such as pension funds and sovereign wealth funds. 50 – 60% of these investments must be made in emerging economies. However, no matter how committed investors may seem, private sector investment will not reach the scale required to address climate change. [More...](#)



OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

MORE AMBITION NEEDED IF GREENHOUSE GASES ARE TO PEAK IN TIME, SAYS NEW UNEP REPORT

Countries will have to be far more ambitious in cutting greenhouse gas emissions if the world is to effectively curb a rise in global temperature at 2 degrees C or less. This is the conclusion of a new greenhouse gas modelling study, based on the estimates of researchers at nine leading centres, compiled by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). [More...](#)

BAN UNVEILS NEW HIGH-LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP TO SPUR ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The leaders of the United Kingdom and Ethiopia will head up a new high-level group launched recently by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, intended to mobilize financing swiftly to help developing countries combat climate change. [More...](#)

NEW UN-BACKED SCHEME TO TURN 'TRASH INTO CASH' IN ASIA-PACIFIC CITIES

Under a new United Nations-backed initiative, cities in Asia and the Pacific, which are dealing with ever-increasing heaps of waste, will be able to transform 'trash into cash.' The scheme seeks to help solid waste development strategies become decentralized, pro-poor, low-carbon and self-financing through the sale of carbon credits. [More...](#)

VISIT THE GATEWAY TO THE UN SYSTEM'S WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE



DID YOU KNOW?

NEW GAME SHOW IN INDIA TO REWARD 'GREEN' PROJECTS

A new game show in India will award prizes to villages that are going green. The programme, modelled after the rags-to-riches game show in the blockbuster film "Slumdog Millionaire," will focus on mainly rural institutions leading sustainable development. The new show will be called "Green Kerala Express," after the coastal state of Kerala in which it will be filmed. [More...](#)

ECO-CHIC FASHION SHOWS OFF STYLISH SUSTAINABILITY

Models wearing alpaca fiber, bamboo and organic silk and cotton strutted down an "Eco-chic" catwalk to back a United Nations call for the sustainable use of natural resources. Nearly 50 ready-to-wear and couture designers from 40 countries took part in the show that ushered in the International Year of Biodiversity in the middle of the autumn/winter catwalk season. [More...](#)

COULD CHICKEN MANURE HELP CURB CLIMATE CHANGE?

Here's a low-cost solution to global warming: chicken manure. At Josh Frye's poultry farm in West Virginia, the chicken waste is fed into a large, experimental incinerating machine. Out comes a charcoal-like substance known as "biochar" – which is not only an excellent fertilizer, but also helps keep carbon in the soil instead of letting it escape into the atmosphere, where it acts as a greenhouse gas. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

03 – 07 MAR

APIA, SAMOA

LEG 17

17th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

22 – 26 MAR

BONN, GERMANY

CDM-EB 53

53rd meeting of the CDM Executive Board

09 – 11 APR

BONN, GERMANY

AWG-KP 11 and AWG-LCA 9

Eleventh session of the AWG-KP and ninth session of the AWG-LCA [More...](#)

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