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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our UNFCCC newsletter.

The second sessions of UN climate change negotiations in 2010 get underway at the end of May in Bonn. Revised negotiating texts will again be on the table, several of which came close to completion in Copenhagen last year.

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



## CHRISTIANA FIGUERES APPOINTED NEW UNFCCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

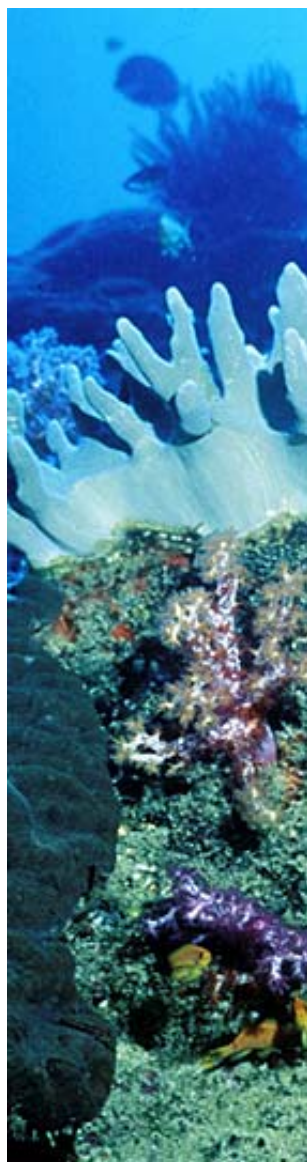
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Christiana Figueres as the new Executive Secretary of the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat. [More...](#)

**IN FOCUS**

## FAST-START FINANCING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

One of the key achievements of the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference in December 2009 was a

pledge by rich countries to provide USD 30 billion by 2012 – known as ‘fast-start funding’ – to help poor nations reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate impacts, with the promise to increase to USD 100 billion per year by 2020. In Focus addresses some questions surrounding this fast-start funding. [More...](#)



## MITIGATION

### MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR REDD+ GAINING MOMENTUM

Increased funding for activities aimed at reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation is beginning to flow, following recent meetings in Paris, Nairobi and Gabon, which saw several new pledges for financial assistance to developing countries. [More...](#)

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### CDM LAUNCHES YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) has launched a new YouTube channel containing the short-listed videos of the UNFCCC/CDM International Video Contest 2009 and interviews with different stakeholders such as project developers. The new channel aims to showcase CDM projects and offer a platform for discussion. [More...](#)

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### REVISION OF THE UNFCCC ANNEX I REPORTING GUIDELINES

A work programme is being launched this year to carry out the revision of the UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines, as agreed by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in June 2009. [More...](#)

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### FURTHER CALL FOR GHG INVENTORY REVIEW EXPERTS

The first of two training courses for greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory review experts concluded mid-April in Bonn, with the second planned for October this year. Applications for the October course are being accepted now. [More...](#)

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## ADAPTATION

### TRAINING ON IMPLEMENTING NAPAS CONTINUES

The third in a series of workshops for implementing National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) took place from 4 – 8 May in Vientiane, Lao PDR, with the participation of 11 Least Developed Countries in the Asia region. [More...](#)

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## NEW REPORTS UNDER THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME

Two new reports have been issued under the Nairobi work programme with a view to sharing knowledge and experience on different aspects of adaptation planning and implementation. [More...](#)



### FINANCE

## ADAPTATION FUND READY TO START DISBURSING MONEY

The Adaptation Fund is now ready to disburse money to support concrete projects in developing countries to cope with and prepare for the impacts of climate change. [More...](#)

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## USD 4.25 BILLION PLEDGED FOR FIFTH GEF REPLENISHMENT

The GEF 5 replenishment cycle was finalized at a one-day meeting held in Paris on 12 May, where donor countries pledged USD 4.25 billion in funding over the next four years. [More...](#)



### TECHNOLOGY

## DIALOGUE WITH BUSINESS ON ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY ACTION

The Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) will hold its fifth meeting in Bonn on 27 and 28 May. The EGTT will also continue its dialogue with the business community, building upon the three dialogues held over the past 18 months. [More...](#)

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## REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

The significant increase in the number of Technology Needs Assessments completed by Parties has provided a platform for a more detailed review of technology needs identified at the regional level, now available on the UNFCCC website. [More...](#)



#### AWG-LCA UPDATE

### NEW TEXT ON THE TABLE AT JUNE MEETING

A new text to facilitate negotiations among Parties will be on the table at the tenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), to be held in Bonn in early June. At its ninth session in April, the Group agreed on the organization and methods of work for 2010. [More...](#)



#### AWG-KP UPDATE

### NEW DOCUMENTATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT JUNE SESSION

New documentation to facilitate negotiations will be available to Parties at the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), taking place in Bonn in early June. The eleventh session, held in April, focused on the organization of work for the year. [More...](#)

### THIRD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING

The secretariat is set to launch the third round of its fellowship programme in June this year. The objective of the programme is to help build capacity for addressing climate change in developing countries by promoting local professional expertise. [More...](#)



#### KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

***“NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE UNFCCC ARE THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE A CLIMATE DEAL THAT DELIVERS FOR ALL COUNTRIES”***

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 14 APRIL 2010

In a keynote speech at the Public Hearing on Climate Change, Yvo de Boer stated that concluding the climate change negotiations will produce tangible results for both sustainable development and green growth. He highlighted the need to concentrate on rebuilding trust within the process in order to make it easier to reach consensus. [More...](#)



***“HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT IS CRITICAL BUT NEEDS TO BE MORE***

## EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZED”

BONN, GERMANY, 03 MAY 2010

Addressing Environment Ministers assembled for the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, Yvo de Boer underlined the need for continued engagement on a high political level in order to provide guidance to negotiators on key crunch issues in the negotiations. In this context, he also called for an honest discussion on the future of the Kyoto Protocol. [More...](#)



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### GUEST COLUMN

## SCALING UP INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

By **Aled Jones**, Deputy Director, University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership & Facilitator, HRH Prince of Wales's P8 Group

As part of the global response to climate change, a large increase in investments into climate solutions is required. Institutional investors are financial organizations that control the scale of finance necessary to transition the global economy. Moreover, they are the organizations which are most likely to have the long-term investment horizons needed in these investments. However, clear policy direction is essential to stimulate their engagement. [More...](#)



### OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

## UN LAUNCHES GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CALCULATOR

The United Nations has launched the first common system of calculating the amount of greenhouse gases produced in a given city and by specific sector or time, allowing cities to compare their performances. [More...](#)

## KEY FINDINGS ON WORLD DEFORESTATION RELEASED

World deforestation has decreased over the past ten years but continues at an alarmingly high rate in many countries, according to a recent report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). [More...](#)

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2010

The theme for this year's World Environment Day celebrations, held annually on 5 June, is: "Many Species. One Planet. One Future." It echoes the urgent call to conserve the diversity of life on our planet. [More...](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

## IMPRESSIVE GROWTH IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

According to market statistics, there has been an impressive growth in renewable energy investment worldwide: 19% in North America; 63% in the European market; and 172% in the Asia-Pacific market. [More...](#)

## PEARL JAM GUITARIST SEES BUSINESS KEY TO CLIMATE

While many people dream of becoming a rock star, Pearl Jam guitarist Stone Gossard says he is trying to be more of a businessman to help slow climate change. The U.S. band plans to invest USD 210,000 to plant trees in Washington state to soak up an estimated 7,000 tons of carbon dioxide linked to a 32-date 2009 tour. [More...](#)

## RECYCLED HOUSE MADE OF BEER BOTTLES

An Argentine artist from the town of Quilmes has taken recycling to a whole new level, building five rooms in his house from millions of empty glass beer bottles: 6 million to be exact. He collected non-returnable bottles from the streets and his neighbours save bottles for him too. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**24 – 28 MAY**

BONN, GERMANY

**CDM-EB 54**

54th meeting of the CDM Executive Board (EB 54) [More...](#)

**27 – 28 MAY**

BONN, GERMANY

**EGTT**

Pre-sessional meeting of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer [More...](#)

**31 MAY –  
11 JUNE**

BONN, GERMANY

**MEETINGS OF THE UNFCCC CONVENTION BODIES**

31 May – 09 June: SBI 32 & SBSTA 32 [More...](#)

01 – 11 June: AWG-KP 12 & AWG-LCA 10 [More...](#)

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