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Dear Reader,

The second sessions of UN climate change negotiations in 2011 get underway at the beginning of June in Bonn.

The world will be watching closely to see further progress in Bonn so that the climate change process can once again meet the deadline for critical new decisions in Durban.

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

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

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## MAITE NKOANA-MASHABANE TO BE NOMINATED PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE OF COP 17/CMP 7

Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, will be proposed as President-Designate of COP 17/CMP 7. [More...](#)

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**TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
THE DESIGN OF THE GREEN  
CLIMATE FUND HOLDS FIRST  
MEETING**

In order to scale up the provision of long-term financing for developing countries, Governments at COP 16 in Cancun decided to establish a Green Climate Fund. A Transitional Committee selected by Parties to the UNFCCC, which will design the details of the new fund, met for the first time from 28 – 29 April 2011 in Mexico City, Mexico. [More...](#)



## MITIGATION

### FIRST ROUND OF MITIGATION WORKSHOPS HELD IN BANGKOK

Two pre-session workshops held ahead of the April Climate Change Conference in Bangkok provided an important opportunity for Parties to share information on assumptions and conditions on quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets by developed countries, and to understand the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions submitted by developing countries and the support needed. [More...](#)

### PROMOTING MITIGATION ACTIONS

A recent report by the UNFCCC secretariat synthesizes the views of Parties and observers on the role of various approaches, including opportunities for using markets, to help solve the global climate challenge. [More...](#)

### CDM REACHING OUT TO AFRICA

Planning is under way in earnest for the third Africa Carbon Forum to be held in July in Marrakesh, Morocco, which is designed to boost carbon market activity in Africa. The secretariat has also produced five broadcast-ready radio stories on the CDM for dissemination to radio stations in Africa. [More...](#)

### REDD+ PARTNERSHIP KICKS OFF FIRST 2011 MEETING

The REDD+ Partnership, whose goal is to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) in developing countries, held its first meeting of the year in April in Bangkok. [More...](#)

### REPORTING UNDER THE CONVENTION BY DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The revision of the UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines was the focus of a workshop held in Bonn in March, while a further workshop in March hosted by Antigua and Barbuda looked at possible elements to be considered in a future revision of reporting guidelines for non-Annex I Parties. [More...](#)



## ADAPTATION

### IMPLEMENTING THE CANCUN ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK

The Cancun Adaptation Framework is beginning to take shape, with Parties and organizations having submitted views both on the new Adaptation Committee and on elements to be included in the work programme on loss and damage. [More...](#)

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### PROGRESS UNDER THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME

Next steps and recent progress in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme (NWP) will be under discussion at the June session in Bonn. The NWP now also has a dedicated space on the Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM) web platform. [More...](#)

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### LATEST UPDATES TO ADAPTATION WEB PAGES

In addition to further updates and enhancements to the adaptation web pages and databases on the UNFCCC website, a new Adaptation Exchange on Facebook has been created with the aim of involving as many stakeholders as possible. [More...](#)

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## FINANCE

### FACILITATING DIRECT ACCESS TO CLIMATE FINANCE

The option of directly accessing Adaptation Fund resources is a significant new feature available to developing countries. The UNFCCC secretariat is planning a series of regional workshops in order to familiarize developing country Parties with the process. [More...](#)

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### UNFCCC FINANCE PORTAL FOR CLIMATE CHANGE LAUNCHED

The UNFCCC has launched the first version of the Finance Portal for Climate Change, where Parties and stakeholders can access information on activities funded in developing countries to implement the Convention. [More...](#)

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## TECHNOLOGY

### NEW TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM THE FOCUS OF AN EXPERT WORKSHOP IN APRIL

The expert workshop on the new Technology Mechanism held in Bangkok in early April looked at the design of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, as well as other remaining issues to be resolved to make the Technology Mechanism fully operational in 2012. [More...](#)



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## TNAs AND THEIR POSSIBLE ROLES IN THE TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM

Possible roles of Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) in the context of the implementation of the new Technology Mechanism will be among the topics under discussion at a workshop to be held from 1 – 2 June in Bonn. [More...](#)



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### AWG-LCA UPDATE

## FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF THE AWG-LCA THIS YEAR IN BONN

The AWG-LCA will meet for the 2nd part of its 14th session in Bonn in June. With the agenda adopted at the 1st part of the session in April, it is hoped the AWG-LCA can now start its substantive work without further delay in order to make progress on the implementation tasks decided by the COP in Cancun and find ways forward on the issues that are still to be concluded. [More...](#)



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### AWG-KP UPDATE

## THE AWG-KP TO RESUME ITS WORK ON OVER-ARCHING POLICY ISSUES IN BONN

At the 2nd part of its 16th session in Bonn in June, Parties will continue the work started in Bangkok last April, where a contact group was established to discuss over-arching policy issues. The group will seek to advance its work with a view to completing it in time to avoid a gap between the 1st and 2nd commitment periods. [More...](#)



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### CAPACITY-BUILDING UPDATE

## NEW RECRUITS TO THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The secretariat's Fellowship Programme continues to attract new recruits from developing countries, while efforts to promote public awareness and training are also being stepped up via the CC:iNet web portal. [More...](#)

**"CLIMATE CHANGE CAN ONLY BE TACKLED IF ALL COUNTRIES WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM."**

**ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES:  
LECTURE SERIES OF THE AMERICAS**  
WASHINGTON D.C., USA, 13 MAY 2011

In her address to the Organization of American States, Christiana Figueres highlighted the need for the Americas to capitalize on incentives provided by the Cancun Agreements in order to take climate change action to the next level. [More...](#)



**"THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS A CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS."**

**HIGH-LEVEL INTER-PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE  
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 19 APRIL 2011

Speaking at the debate in the European Parliament, Christiana Figueres urged the European Union to continue its leadership role in the inter-governmental climate change negotiations and to show ambition in raising its target for reducing emissions to 30%. [More...](#)



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**OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS**

**TASKFORCE RECOMMENDS NEW CLIMATE SERVICES FRAMEWORK**

More than 600 delegates have gathered in Geneva for a United Nations meteorological conference to discuss a new action plan to help countries cope with the devastating effects of climate change. [More...](#)



**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2011**

World Environment Day (WED) is an annual event aimed at being the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental action. The theme for this year's World Environment Day celebrations on 5 June is: "Forests: Nature at Your Service". [More...](#)



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## UN UNVEILS REPORT ON SIZE OF ITS CARBON FOOTPRINT

More than 50% of greenhouse gas emissions generated by the United Nations institutions are from air travel, making staff movement the biggest challenge for the Organization in reducing its overall carbon footprint. This was revealed in this year's edition of the report 'Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN'. [More...](#)



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



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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### BIG RISE IN GLOBAL INVESTMENT IN CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS

Global investment in clean energy projects saw a big rise last year and is poised for further strong growth, a report by the World Economic Forum suggests. Investment topped USD 243bn in 2010, a rise of 30% on the USD 186bn spent a year earlier. . [More...](#)

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#### STUNNING PICTURES SHOW HOLIDAY SPOTS UNDER THREAT FROM CLIMATE CHANGE

The recently published book '100 Places To Go Before They Disappear', shows how climate change could ruin or even destroy some of the world's most beautiful areas. [More...](#)

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#### HIMALAYAN FARMERS POINT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Himalayan villagers have won the backing of climate science for their suspicions that snow cover, water resources and the ecosystem are changing in their region, indicating local knowledge can be a useful tool for combating the climate threat. [More...](#)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**30 MAY – 03 JUNE** **CDM-EB 61**  
BONN, GERMANY 61st meeting of the CDM Executive Board. [More...](#)

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**30 MAY – 02 JUNE** **1st WORKSHOP OF THE TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE**  
BONN, GERMANY

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**01 – 02 JUNE** **TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP**  
BONN, GERMANY

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**06 – 17 JUNE**

BONN, GERMANY

## UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE JUNE 2011

The 34th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), as well as the 2nd part of the 14th session of the AWG-LCA and the 2nd part of the 16th session of the AWG-KP. [More...](#)

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