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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the final edition of our UNFCCC newsletter for 2008.

In this issue, the spotlight is on the upcoming Climate Change Conference in Poznań, Poland. Poznań marks the halfway stage in the two-year negotiating process and negotiations must shift into a higher gear in order to get to an agreement in Copenhagen in 2009. We look forward to concrete results in Poznań that will set the course for the crucial year that lies ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Y. de Boer', written over a light blue background.

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

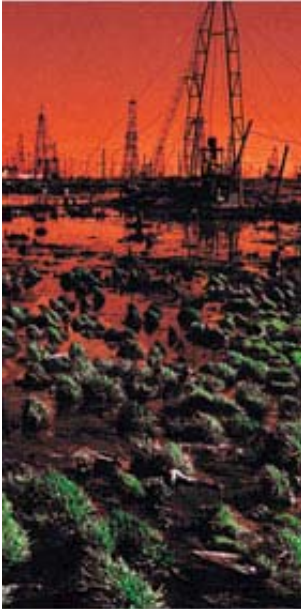
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IN FOCUS

UPDATE OF INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL FLOWS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

An update on Investment and Financial Flows to Address Climate Change has just been published by the secretariat. The update has moved forward the discussion on financing from broad investment and financial needs to options, tools and mechanisms to enhance financing for mitigation, adaptation and technology cooperation for an effective response to climate change. Significantly, Parties have tabled proposals which have the potential to generate multiple billions of dollars per year of predictable and sustainable funding. [More...](#)





MITIGATION

The Second Review of the Kyoto Protocol under its Article 9 at Poznań will include issues related to the scope and effectiveness of the flexible mechanisms. The AWG-KP will discuss all elements of the work programme at its resumed sixth session.

[Looking ahead to Poznan](#)

Steps are being taken to reduce the carbon footprint that will be left behind by the next round of international climate change negotiations in Poznań.

[Offsetting the carbon footprint for Poznan](#)

Latest figures show that greenhouse gas emissions in industrialized countries continue to rise, underscoring the urgent need for political action on climate change at the Poznań Conference.

[Latest GHG data show emissions rising in industrialized countries](#)



ADAPTATION

In Poznań, Parties will review progress in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme since the start of its second phase, and will assess how effectively the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures is being implemented.

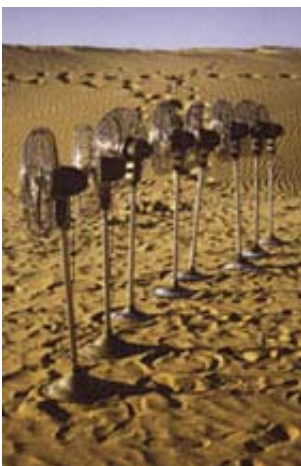
[Looking ahead to Poznan](#)

The UNFCCC secretariat is creating a web-based interface on Adaptation Funding on the UNFCCC website that will improve information on accessing existing funds for adaptation.

[New web-based interface on accessing Adaptation Funding](#)

Some Parties have highlighted difficulty in accessing funding under the Least Developed Countries Fund; an issue that will be taken up in Poznań.

[Finding funds for NAPAs](#)



FINANCE

Finance will be high on the agenda in Poznań. The final touches are expected to be made that will allow the Adaptation Fund to become fully operational next year. Discussions will also continue on the fourth review of the financial mechanism.

[Looking ahead to Poznan](#)

More than 100 entries have been submitted to the UNFCCC/CDM International Photo Contest 2008 on the theme "Clean Development Mechanism Changing Lives" and are now before a panel of judges. The winners and a selection of runners up will be posted on the photo contest web page in the coming days.

[Judging under way in CDM Changing Lives photo contest](#)



TECHNOLOGY

Cooperation on research and development, technology transfer and ongoing work of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer will be among the issues under discussion in Poznań.

[Looking ahead to Poznan](#)

At its fourth and final meeting for this year, the Expert Group on Technology Transfer discussed the interim reports which have been produced on three key issues. [Key issues examined at EGTT meeting in Dublin](#)

KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

"IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN POZNAŃ DELIVERS CONCRETE RESULTS. "

[NEW YORK, USA, 27 OCTOBER 2008](#)

In a statement to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Yvo de Boer stressed the importance of the upcoming negotiations in Poznań. He said Ministers meeting in Poznań must give a strong political signal to move towards a shared vision for long-term cooperative action on climate change. [More...](#)



"A NEW TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM COULD CONNECT THE WORLD THROUGH INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION. "

[BEIJING, CHINA, 7 NOVEMBER 2008](#)

At the opening of the Beijing High-Level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer, Yvo de Boer pointed out that current arrangements for technology transfer have been insufficient. He stressed that technology and finance underpin enhanced mitigation and adaptation action, and that technology is crucial for an ambitious outcome in Copenhagen 2009. [More...](#)



"ONE HAS TO CONTEMPLATE NOTHING LESS THAN A TRANSFORMATION OF THE GLOBAL

ECONOMY TO A LOW-EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT PATH "

CALIFORNIA, USA, 19 NOVEMBER 2008

Addressing the Governors' Global Climate Summit in Beverly Hills, UNFCCC Deputy Executive Secretary Richard Kinley highlighted that practical state-level action can be an important step towards a low-emissions global economy. Furthermore, he emphasized that action at the state level can be a major contributor to the ability of national governments to commit to ambitious targets internationally. [More...](#)



GUEST COLUMN

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN A LOW-CARBON WORLD

By Eric Beinhocker and Jeremy Oppenheim
McKinsey's Climate Change Special Initiative

Policymakers often feel trapped between conflicting goals when addressing climate change. On the one hand they see the need for urgent action, but on the other they fear higher costs, slower economic growth and a reduced standard of living for the citizens they serve. But taking strong steps to restrain climate change need not invite economic gloom. [More...](#)



OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

"GLOBAL GREEN NEW DEAL" - ENVIRONMENTALLY-FOCUSED INVESTMENT

Mobilizing and re-focusing the global economy towards investments in clean technologies and 'natural' infrastructure is the best bet for real growth, combating climate change and triggering an employment boom. [More...](#)

'PAINT FOR THE PLANET' LAUNCHES UN CLIMATE CAMPAIGN

The global United Nations campaign "UNite to Combat Climate Change" kicked off in October with an auction and exhibit of children's art in New York. [More...](#)

UNWTO WEBSITE FOR CLIMATE NEUTRAL TOURISM

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, has worked with the Tourism sector to prepare a guiding framework for a climate neutral strategy for tourism. [More...](#)

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WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE



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**INDIA'S HUMBLE RICKSHAW
GOES SOLAR**

A state-of-the-art, solar powered version of the humble cycle rickshaw is being touted as a solution to urban India's traffic woes, chronic pollution and dependence on fossil fuels. [More...](#)

**CLIMATE CHANGE KEEPS
SWANS IN SIBERIA**

Hundreds of swans due to spend winter in the UK are staying put in Siberia because climate change has made the region warm enough to remain, bird experts have said. [More...](#)

SMART BIKING IN COPENHAGEN

Cyclists in Copenhagen will soon be able to take part in a project that will allow them to earn prizes for reducing their carbon footprint through biking, get a boost up tough hills, and maybe even improve their social lives. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 – 28 NOV
POZNAN, POLAND

CDM-EB 44

Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism, Forty-fourth Meeting
[More...](#)

27 – 28 NOV
POZNAN, POLAND

JISC 13

Thirteenth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee. The JISC will consider a number of issues with regard to the operation of the Track 2 procedure it oversees, and related governance matters. [More...](#)

1 – 12 DEC
POZNAN, POLAND

**POZNAN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
(COP 14 and CMP 4)**

The conference will include the 29th sessions of the Convention's subsidiary bodies – SBSTA and SBI – as well as the 4th session of the AWG-LCA and the resumed 6th session of the AWG-KP. [More...](#)

15 – 17 DEC
BONN, GERMANY

FOURTH MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

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