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Dear Reader,

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

I look forward to this year's Conference of the Parties and Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP 16/CMP 6), taking place from 29 November to 10 December in Cancun, Mexico.

I am confident that Cancun will be a success, where the stage is set for a concrete, positive outcome.

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

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

GUEST COLUMN

CANCUN: A NEW ERA OF EFFECTIVE GLOBAL CLIMATE COOPERATION

By Felipe Calderón, *President of Mexico*

In this video message, President Calderón encourages Parties to work together and take the fundamental steps, in Cancun, to launch a new era of cooperation to face the many challenges that climate change poses to humanity. [More...](#)



IN FOCUS

PRE-COP MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MEXICO SETS THE STAGE FOR CANCUN

This year's pre-COP ministerial meeting was held in Mexico City from 4 – 5 November 2010, attended by representatives from all negotiating groups. This informal meeting is held annually in advance of the Conference of the Parties, providing an opportunity to discuss important issues before formal negotiations begin. In Focus spoke to Patricia Espinosa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and incoming President of COP 16/CMP 6, who hosted the pre-COP, and asked her views on the prevailing mood as we head towards Cancun. [More...](#)



MITIGATION

REDD+ PARTNERSHIP MINISTERIAL MEETING SENDS POSITIVE SIGNAL TO CANCUN

The Ministers attending the October meeting in Nagoya reaffirmed the crucial role to be played by the REDD + Partnership in scaling up REDD+ actions and finance. The meeting, which saw new financial pledges made, was considered an important stepping stone towards COP 16 in Cancun. [More...](#)

CDM MAKING THE MOST OF NEW MEDIA

The look and feel of the UNFCCC/CDM website has changed with the launch of a revamped site featuring a clearer structure and simplified navigation. The website will be enhanced with interactive graphics, new audio material, as well as photos and videos from the CDM International Photo and Video contest 2010. [More...](#)

OFFSETTING THE CANCUN CARBON FOOTPRINT

With an estimated 15,000 people representing Governments, NGOs, IGOs and journalists travelling to Cancun for the UN Climate Change Conference, the organizers are committed to minimizing greenhouse gas emissions as far as possible and to offset whatever cannot be avoided. [More...](#)

ADAPTATION

NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME ENHANCING ADAPTATION ACTION

With adaptation activities gathering pace, Parties and organizations have called for the Nairobi work programme to be continued, recognizing its key role in providing the information needed to enhance adaptation action. [More...](#)





USER-FRIENDLY INFORMATION TOOLS

The secretariat has developed an information package on a USB drive that allows users to access all information and knowledge products developed under the Nairobi work programme during its five-year existence. [More...](#)

CALLS FOR ACTION

The secretariat has developed two additional Calls for Action under the Nairobi work programme (NWP). Both will be presented as part of the NWP progress report for endorsement by Parties in Cancun. [More...](#)



FINANCE

IMPORTANT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT 39TH GEF COUNCIL MEETING

Among the important issues discussed at the 39th meeting of the GEF Council from 16-18 November 2010 were relations with the Conventions, the review of the GEF Earth Fund and the Evaluation of the Strategic Priority for Adaptation. [More...](#)

INITIAL VERSION OF FINANCE PORTAL TO BE LAUNCHED IN CANCUN

The secretariat has been working on developing a Finance Portal, intended as a one-stop-shop for accessing information on the provision of investments and financial flows for climate change in the context of the UNFCCC. An initial version of the Portal will be presented in Cancun. [More...](#)

TECHNOLOGY

EGTT MEETING TAKES PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM FORWARD

In addition to advancing ideas on the Technology Mechanism, the meeting of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) focused on collaborative research and development, as well as intellectual property rights and its role in technology transfer. [More...](#)



RESULTS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME ON PROJECT FINANCING

Following the successful completion of a two-year training programme on preparing technology transfer projects for financing, a report confirms the need for further financial training in developing countries and points to a lack of information in these countries on existing funding opportunities for clean technology projects. [More...](#)



AWG-LCA UPDATE

CHAIR PRESENTS POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF AWG-LCA OUTCOME IN CANCUN

The objective of the AWG-LCA Chair is to secure progress on all issues under negotiation, encompassing all building blocks of the Bali Action Plan in a balanced and comprehensive manner. To help the negotiations move forward, the Chair has now presented, under her own responsibility, possible elements of the AWG-LCA outcome in Cancun. [More...](#)



AWG-KP UPDATE

THE AWG-KP CHAIR TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR A BALANCED OUTCOME IN CANCUN

The AWG-KP will meet for its fifteenth session in Cancun in December to continue negotiations on further commitments for Annex 1 Parties under the Kyoto Protocol for the period beyond 2010. At this session, the Chair of the AWG-KP intends to present a proposal that could facilitate the achievement of incremental progress in a balanced manner. The proposal is expected to include elements on all aspects of the work of the AWG-KP. [More...](#)

IPHONE AND IPAD APPLICATIONS FOR COP 16 / CMP 6

Stay tuned and up-to-date by the minute on what's happening at the conference! Using the application, users can among many other things:

- View the latest youtube videos and photos from the conference

- Read the latest documents, agendas and meetings information
- Join the Talks via the Facebook and Twitter channels and be part of the action
- Get logistical information about the conference

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KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

“THIS GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CAN PRESENT A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE REAL ACTION ON REDD+”

NAGOYA, JAPAN, 26 OCTOBER 2010

Addressing assembled Ministers at the Aichi-Nagoya Ministerial Meeting of the REDD-plus Partnership, Christiana Figueres spoke of the contribution forests in developing countries can make towards a global climate change solution and the conservation of biodiversity, and underlined the important role of the REDD+ Partnership in this regard. [More...](#)



“MONEY SPENT ON ADAPTATION TODAY WILL BE MONEY WELL INVESTED IN OUR FUTURE.”

NEW YORK, USA, 20 SEPTEMBER 2010

In her statement to a high-level adaptation event on risk and resiliency, Christiana Figueres stressed that adapting to the adverse effects and increased risk of climate change is a necessity for all countries. She warned that recent extreme weather events are a wake-up call for the world to act – to reduce emissions quickly, to adapt to the already inevitable in order to minimize loss of life and livelihoods, and to increase resilience in order to protect our future quality of life. [More...](#)



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OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

‘30 WAYS IN 30 DAYS’ TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

In the run up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is releasing one case study daily for 30 days to prove that solutions to combat global warming – ranging from planting trees to creating mass markets for solar water heaters – are available, accessible and replicable. [More...](#)



THE ROLE OF PATENTS IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

Six countries are the source of almost 80% of all innovations developed worldwide in the field of clean energy technologies. This is one of the key findings of a pioneering study conducted by the European Patent Office, UNEP and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, on the emergence and distribution of these technologies across the globe. [More...](#)



THE NEW UNEP EN.LIGHTEN INITIATIVE: SUPPORTING COUNTRIES IN THE SHIFT TOWARDS EFFICIENT LIGHTING

Lighting accounts for 19% of global electricity consumption and for about 6-8% of global GHG emissions, and global demand for electricity is expected to increase dramatically. Few actions could reduce carbon emissions as cheaply and easily as the phase-out of inefficient lighting. The en.lighten initiative is working with governments and the private sector to help countries transition to energy-efficient lighting, thus bringing new technologies to developing countries while saving energy, money and protecting the environment. [More...](#)



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COULD BARBECUES HELP FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE?

Barbecues that remove CO₂ from the air could play a role in the fight against climate change, according to Durwood Zaelke, a leading expert on rapid responses

to global warming. [More...](#)

WHAT IS THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF YOUR GADGET?

Google has recently invested USD 5 billion on an offshore wind farm project in a bid to reduce the company's carbon emissions. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 NOV – 10 DEC

CANCUN, MEXICO

COP 16 & CMP 6

16th Conference of the Parties (COP 16) and 6th Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 6), 33rd sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies, fifteenth session of the AWG-KP and thirteenth session of the AWG-LCA. [More...](#)

13 – 15 DEC

CANCUN, MEXICO

12TH MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

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