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Dear Reader,

The Durban Climate Change Conference is almost upon us and people everywhere will soon want to know how governments intend to keep the world on track towards the low-emissions, climate-resilient future that is the only sustainable future for humanity.

There is reason for optimism, given the clear global momentum for change. Durban must capture that momentum and push it further forward.

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GUEST COLUMN

WORKING TOGETHER: SAVING TOMORROW TODAY

By His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa

In this video, President Zuma talks of the challenge the Durban Climate Change Conference presents us with in making the choices that will ensure a sustainable future for all. He expresses the hope that we can jointly develop the solutions needed at a time when our planet is facing a crisis [More...](#)



IN FOCUS

SECRETARIAT LAUNCHES NEW MOMENTUM FOR CHANGE INITIATIVE

The secretariat is preparing to showcase effective public-private projects, in particular those benefitting the urban poor in developing countries, whilst contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or allowing to better adapt to the inevitable effects of climate change. The so-called 'Momentum for Change Initiative' will be launched at the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban, and is designed to both raise awareness for such projects in developing countries and to create momentum for international climate change action. [More...](#)



TRIBUTE TO MAMA KONATÉ (1950 – 2011)

It is with profound sadness that the Climate Change Secretariat has to inform all Parties and observer organizations to the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol about the sudden death of Mr. Mama Konaté, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the National Focal Point of Mali. [More...](#)

MITIGATION

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR ADVANCING REDD+ IN DURBAN

Recent expert meetings held in Panama and Germany related to REDD+ brought greater clarity on the issues of safeguards and forest reference emission levels, thereby laying the groundwork for progress on REDD+ in Durban. [More...](#)

KYOTO PROTOCOL'S CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM TO LEARN FROM THE PAST, BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Ten years since its inception and thousands of projects later, the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) will receive a thorough, public stocktaking to ensure its readiness to meet the climate change challenges of the future. [More...](#)

SOLID PROGRESS ON MRV FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Parties in Durban will continue advancing on draft texts prepared at the Panama conference that seek to strengthen reporting by Annex I Parties. [More...](#)

GHG INVENTORY TRAINING FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The preparation of national greenhouse gas inventories by developing country Parties was the focus of a workshop for the Latin America and Caribbean region hosted recently by Chile. [More...](#)



ADAPTATION

ADAPTATION - AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE DURBAN OUTCOME

"Adaptation is an essential element of the outcome in Durban, particularly for Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries and Africa", as indicated by Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, and President-Designate of COP 17/CMP 7. [More...](#)

CANCUN ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK TO BE OPERATIONALIZED IN DURBAN

COP 17 will operationalize the Cancun Adaptation Framework, including national adaptation plans (NAPs), the loss and damage work programme, and the Adaptation Committee. [More...](#)

FURTHER DEVELOPING THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME



Under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (NWP), Parties will agree in Durban on work areas and activities for the next phase of the programme. [More...](#)

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY WORK PROGRAMME AND NAPA ACTIVITIES

Durban will mark 10 years since the adoption of a package of decisions by COP 7 that enabled support for LDCs. The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) will showcase milestones achieved over the past 10 years, and Parties will discuss the work of the group for 2012. [More...](#)

FINANCE

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE FAST-START FINANCE MODULE IN DURBAN

The secretariat will officially launch the Fast-Start Finance module of the Finance portal at COP 17 in Durban. This module on the UNFCCC website will now provide user-friendly access to data from the information submitted by developed country Parties on the resources provided in order to meet their Fast-Start Finance commitments. [More...](#)

DESIGN OF THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COP

The final meeting of the Transitional Committee for the design of the Green Climate Fund - set to play an important role in delivering climate finance to developing countries - agreed to submit a draft instrument to the COP in Durban that provides both a solid basis to develop country-driven operations through direct access and a strong signal to engage the private sector. [More...](#)



PROMOTING DIRECT ACCESS TO ADAPTATION FUNDING IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Panama was the host city for the second workshop aimed at familiarizing participants with the process and requirements for accrediting National Implementing Entities that enable "direct access" to the resources of the Adaptation Fund. [More...](#)



TECHNOLOGY

OPERATIONALIZING THE TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM

Parties continued their deliberations in Panama on the outstanding issues to make the Technology Mechanism fully operational in 2012. Progress was captured in a draft text that will form the basis for further negotiations in Durban. [More...](#)

TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO RECONVENE IN FEBRUARY 2012

The second meeting of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) will take place in Bonn in February 2012, where the Committee will further develop its workplan, based on possible additional functions for the TEC to be agreed in Durban. [More...](#)

AWG-LCA UPDATE

AWG-LCA RESUMES IN DURBAN FOR THE FOURTH PART OF ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION

The AWG-LCA will resume for the fourth part of its fourteenth session in Durban,



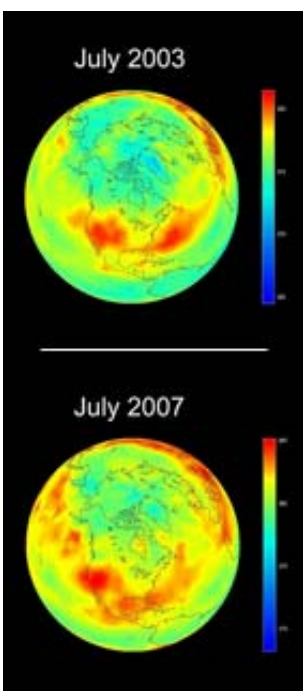
South Africa on 29 November. It is expected that the Parties will finalize their work on the comprehensive and balanced outcome which the AWG-LCA is to present to the COP for its consideration. [More...](#)



AWG-KP UPDATE

THE AWG-KP RESUMES FOR THE FOURTH PART OF ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION IN DURBAN

The AWG-KP will resume for the fourth part of its sixteenth session in Durban, South Africa on 29 November 2011. The AWG-KP is expected to complete its work in Durban and have its results adopted by the CMP to ensure that there is no gap between the first and second commitment periods of the Kyoto Protocol. [More...](#)



SCIENCE AND REVIEW

EVOLVING A SHARED VISION, INITIATING THE REVIEW OF THE LONG-TERM GOAL TO LIMIT GLOBAL WARMING

At COP 16 in Cancun, Parties set the long-term goal to limit global average temperature increase below 2 degrees in comparison to pre-industrial levels, and to periodically review the adequacy of this goal. At COP 17 in Durban, Parties are expected to adopt the modalities of the review, set to start in 2013 and conclude in 2015. [More...](#)

CLIMATE SCIENCE AND THE STATE OF THE CLIMATE

Record-breaking temperatures made headlines early this year, when NASA announced that 2010 tied with 2005 as the warmest year on record. The CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere is now higher than at any time in at least 800,000 years, sea level is rising by 3.27 mm per year, and Arctic sea ice is declining by 11.5% per decade. [More...](#)

KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

"WE NEED, AND ARE POISED FOR, A NEW INDUSTRIAL AND ENERGY REVOLUTION."

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, 10 OCTOBER 2011

In an address at the International Green Business Dinner in London, Christiana Figueres urged business leaders to provide the impetus to spark a green revolution based on environmentally sound technologies and facilitated by new ways of deploying finance. [More...](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

UNFCCC LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE DESIGN AND LOGO



On 24 October 2011, the UNFCCC secretariat launched a redesigned website and logo. The new website seeks to provide enhanced access to conference information and documents for Parties and observer organizations, the media and the general public. The new logo presents a new image that highlights the central theme of the Convention and the institutional linkage to the United Nations.

OFFSETTING THE DURBAN CARBON FOOTPRINT



Durban, host city of the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference, is developing a Greening Programme that aims to minimize the environmental impact of the event. [More...](#)

UNFCCC SECRETARIAT COOPERATES WITH XINHUA NEWS AGENCY OF CHINA



The secretariat has concluded an agreement with the leading Chinese news agency Xinhua to work together to raise awareness about climate change and the UNFCCC process through a number of outreach projects that provides access to the large photographic archive of Xinhua. The first project was a photographic exhibition for the United Nations Day celebration in Bonn, Germany in October 2011.

OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

IPCC REPORT: MORE FREQUENT DROUGHTS, FLOODS TO COME DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change will make the drought and flooding events that have battered a number of countries in 2011 more frequent in years to come, forcing nations to rethink the way they cope with disasters. according to a new report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. [More...](#)



ON THE EVE OF RIO+20, COUNTRIES ACCELERATING PLANS FOR A TRANSITION TO A GREEN ECONOMY

A new UN report demonstrates that governments and businesses alike are taking

steps to accelerate a global shift towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient and socially inclusive green future. [More...](#)



CLIMATE CHANGE IMPERILS GLOBAL PROSPERITY, UN WARNS

A new report from the United Nations Development Programme warns that if drastic measures are not taken to prepare nations for the impacts of climate change, the economic progress of the world's developing countries could stall or even be reversed by 2050. [More...](#)



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REPORT: GLOBAL CARBON DIOXIDE OUTPUT SOARING

The global output of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in 2010 jumped by the biggest amount on record, the US department of energy has calculated, in a sign of how weak the world's efforts have been at slowing man-made global warming. [More...](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE 'GRAVE THREAT' TO SECURITY AND HEALTH

Climate change poses "an immediate, growing and grave threat" to health and security around the world, according to an expert conference in London. Officers in the UK military warned that the price of goods such as fuel is likely to rise as conflict provoked by climate change increases. [More...](#)

THE WORLD'S GREENEST COMPANIES

Annual rankings show which companies are still carrying the eco-mantle. Plus, view the expanded list of 500 U.S. companies and 500 global companies. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

28 NOV – 09 DEC
[DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA](#)

COP 17 & CMP 7

17th Conference of the Parties (COP 17) and 7th Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 7), 35th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies, sixteenth session of the AWG-KP (part 4) and fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA (part 4). [More...](#)

13 – 14 DEC
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

16th MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

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