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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our UNFCCC newsletter.

The stage is set for a week of international climate change talks in Barcelona in the first week of November – the final round of negotiations before the Copenhagen conference gets underway. Important issues need to be resolved. In Barcelona, all nations must step back from self-interest and let common interest prevail.



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

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LATEST PROGRESS IN TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) are country-driven activities that identify the main technology needs of developing countries for both mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Some sixty-eight TNAs have been reported to date, including more than two hundred projects and project ideas. Initial funding has become available to support the implementation of these projects. [More...](#)



MITIGATION

AWG-KP IN BANGKOK: MORE AMBITION NEEDED ON EMISSIONS TARGETS

At the recent session of the AWG-KP in Bangkok, discussions continued to focus on



what is referred to as aggregate and individual numbers; i.e. the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by industrialized countries in aggregate and individually. [More...](#)

DISCUSSIONS ON REDD BECOMING MORE FOCUSED

At the recent talks held in Bangkok, further progress was made on the issue of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD). Discussions became more focused on what are the essential elements to be included in a Copenhagen agreed outcome. [More...](#)

LATEST GHG EMISSIONS DATA RELEASED

The latest greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions data reported by 40 industrialized countries in 2009 show a further slight increase in their emissions. Compared to the 1990 level, emissions are still lower by about 4%, but rose by 3.1% compared to 2000, and by about 1% between 2006 and 2007. [More...](#)

CDM PHOTO AND VIDEO CONTEST LAUNCHED

The UNFCCC secretariat has launched the CDM International Photo and Video Contest 2009, on the theme “CDM Changing Lives.” The contest is intended to raise awareness about the Kyoto Protocol's clean development mechanism. Deadline for submissions is 31 October. [More...](#)

ADAPTATION

DEVELOPMENTS ON ADAPTATION AT BANGKOK TALKS

At the latest round of talks in Bangkok, further progress was made in streamlining the negotiation text on enhanced action on adaptation and its means of implementation in the run-up to Copenhagen. [More...](#)

THREE NEW PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO LDCs

The secretariat has produced three new publications recently that are related to the Least Developed Countries. (LDCs). The preparation and implementation of National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) is featured, as well as an overview of LDC-related work under the UNFCCC. [More...](#)

NWP SIDE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR BARCELONA

A Nairobi work programme (NWP) side event is planned for Barcelona to illustrate the implementation of activities by Partners to the NWP, and highlight upcoming publications by the secretariat on these implementation activities. [More...](#)



BANGKOK HOSTS ADAPTATION PLANNING WORKSHOP

A three-day Nairobi work programme workshop held in Bangkok examined approaches to integrating adaptation planning in and across different sectors, levels and hazard types. [More...](#)

FINANCE

BANGKOK SESSION: A SMALL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Differences in perspectives on financial discussions continue to persist, but common elements emerged that could serve as a basis for reaching a common understanding. Based on discussions during the session, Parties requested the Chair to use common elements to consolidate options for institutional arrangements. [More...](#)

CLIMATE FINANCE PLATFORM UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Development of a new tool is under way that will help inform the inter-governmental process on the funding being made available for the implementation of the Convention. A complementary tool for project developers is being designed by the World Bank and UNDP. A demonstration of both tools is scheduled at a side event in Barcelona on 4 November 2009. [More...](#)

ADAPTATION FUND: PROCEDURES TO ACCESS RESOURCES ARE IN PLACE

The Adaptation Fund Board is on track to start approving projects and programmes by the end of the year and provide financial resources to support adaptation activities. At its last meeting, the Board approved operational policies and guidelines and established supporting panels needed for operationalization. [More...](#)



TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY NEGOTIATIONS LEAD THE WAY TO COPENHAGEN

Negotiations on technology development and transfer advanced early in the two-week talks held recently in Bangkok, with Parties converging on some of the key concepts that should form an agreed outcome on technology in Copenhagen. [More...](#)

AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP: SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF TNAs

Botswana was the setting for a workshop on preparing technology transfer projects for financing, held in September. The workshop enhanced the capacity of project developers in the region to convert project ideas resulting from Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) into project proposals that will meet the standards of international financial providers. [More...](#)

AWG-LCA Update

BANGKOK SETS GOOD PLATFORM FOR BARCELONA TALKS



The latest session of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) held in the Thai capital, Bangkok, set a good platform for the last round of negotiations before Copenhagen – from 2 to 6 November 2009 in Barcelona, Spain. [More...](#)

KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

“MEETING A SUSTAINABLE SCENARIO TO AVOID THE WORST OF CLIMATE CHANGE IS SHOWN TO BE AFFORDABLE, DOABLE AND PREFERABLE”

PARIS, FRANCE, 15 OCTOBER 2009

In a message to the International Energy Agency (IEA) governing board at the launch of the special early excerpt of the World Energy Outlook (WEO) 2009, Yvo de Boer stressed that a substantial part of the response to climate change must come from the energy sector. He said the WEO 2009 presents the most up to date, comprehensive analysis of how the energy sector can deliver on a climate change deal in Copenhagen.

[More...](#)



“COPENHAGEN CAN AND MUST BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY. IT IS NOT AN OPTION TO LET THIS UNIQUE MOMENT SLIP BY”

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, 21 SEPTEMBER 2009

Speaking at the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) Summit on Climate Change held in New York, Yvo de Boer underlined the benefits a Copenhagen deal could bring with regard to protecting the people, properties and infrastructure of AOSIS countries, as well as spurring climate-resilient development. [More...](#)



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GUEST COLUMN

STATE OF PLAY ON ADAPTATION FUNDING

By Saleemul Huq. Senior Fellow at the International Institute

In this video, Saleemul Huq talks about the state of play on adaptation; in particular, adaptation funding. He states that it's really about four things: how much money is needed; where the money will come from; how the money will be channeled; and how the money will be used. He says a big issue on adaptation is how much money will be available. [More...](#)



OTHER UN CLIMATE NEWS

CLIMATE CHANGE ACCELERATING – UNEP

Even if the world's leaders fulfil their most ambitious climate pledges, global warming will still advance at a rate much faster than previously forecast. Scientists are concerned that some impacts are already irreversible, says a report by the United Nations Environment Programme. [More...](#)

UNESCO CONVENES BROADCAST MEDIA AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Broadcasters from around the world have joined forces to combat climate change, acknowledging their essential role as opinion influencers and urging the industry to set quantifiable targets for a reduced carbon footprint. [More...](#)

WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY 2009: PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT, SAVING THE PLANET

A United Nations report launched in September recommends a new Marshall Plan of more than USD 500 billion a year, or 1% of global output, to help developing countries ease the impact of global warming and adjust to its effects, while continuing on a path of green growth. [More...](#)

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

This website has a new face with expanded content and a number of additional features.



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WORLD CELEBRITIES SING TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING

British rock group Duran Duran and heavy metal band Scorpions are among 55 world celebrities who have joined in recording a song to draw attention to the global warming crisis. [More...](#)

MALDIVES CABINET GOES UNDERWATER

The government of the Maldives held a cabinet meeting underwater to highlight the threat of global warming. President Mohamed Nasheed and his cabinet

signed a document during the 17 October dive, calling for global cuts in carbon emissions. [More...](#)

ENVIRONMENTALAND – HOLLYWOOD'S NEWEST QUIRKY THEME PARK

Hollywood is world famous for many things – celebrities, sunshine and shopping among them. But a new Hollywood attraction is the first of its kind: Environmentaland, an eco-themed park. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

02–06 NOV

BARCELONA, SPAIN

RESUMED AWG-LCA 7 & AWG-KP 9

Resumed seventh session of the AWG-LCA and resumed ninth session of the AWG-KP. [More...](#)

16–18 NOV

BONN, GERMANY

EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

23–24 NOV

BONN, GERMANY

ENFORCEMENT BRANCH, 8th MEETING

Enforcement Branch of the Compliance Committee, eighth meeting.

02–04 DEC

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

CDM-EB 51

Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism, fifty-first meeting. [More...](#)

03–04 DEC

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

JISC 19

Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, nineteenth meeting. [More...](#)

07–18 DEC

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

COP 15 AND CMP 5

Conference of the Parties (COP), fifteenth session, and Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), fifth session, and sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies. [More...](#)

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