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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our UNFCCC newsletter.

Governments are about to gather in Tianjin, China, for their last meeting before the Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico, where the next essential step needs to be taken to respond adequately to climate change.

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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WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS IN CANCUN

By **Patricia Espinosa**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and incoming President of COP 16/CMP 6*

In this video message, Mexico's Foreign Minister looks ahead to the Climate Change Conference in Cancun, and talks about the challenges facing the negotiating process. [More...](#)



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IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

By **Han Seung-soo KBE**, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea and Chair of the GGGI Board of Directors, and **Lord Nicholas Stern**, IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics, and Vice-Chair of the GGGI Board of Directors

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), launched last June in Seoul, Republic of Korea, is timely and well placed to support developing countries in reaching their development and growth aspirations through low-carbon, climate-resilient green growth plans. [More...](#)



IN FOCUS

GREEN GROWTH – THE BASIS FOR A NEW INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

By **Paul Hohnen**, Associate Fellow of Chatham House and independent consultant on sustainable development

When the history of the 21st century is written, the years 2010–2012 will almost certainly be seen as a watershed. In two intergovernmental processes between now and 2012 – the ‘Rio+20’ Conference on Sustainable Development and the UNFCCC Conference of Parties negotiations – the world’s governments will respond to the inter-linked challenges of sustainable development and climate change. In this crucial period, humankind will take – or not take – decisions that will determine our common destiny. Let’s consider how future historians might judge us. [More...](#)



MITIGATION

REDD+ PARTNERSHIP MOVING FORWARD

The REDD+ Partnership – an initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation – received a further boost at the August Climate Change Conference in Bonn, where it was agreed to establish a Database of REDD+ financing, actions and results with a view to improving the transparency and coordination of REDD+ actions and support. [More...](#)

FIRST ANNUAL REVIEW UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

The reviews of the first ever mandatory annual submissions under the Kyoto Protocol are underway. The second training course for review experts in 2010 is also ongoing, with the focus on experts from Asian countries. [More...](#)

CDM PHOTO AND VIDEO CONTEST 2010



The UNFCCC secretariat launched in August the CDM International Photo and Video Contest 2010, on the theme “Changing Lives.” The contest, the third annual event, is intended to raise awareness about the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism. [More...](#)



ADAPTATION

NWP PARTNERSHIP FOR ADAPTATION CONTINUES TO GROW

The Nairobi work programme (NWP) partnership constitutes a wide network of entities working on adaptation. The number of NWP partners has steadily grown over the course of the programme, and now stands at 192 partners, of which 32 are from the private sector. [More...](#)

NEW PUBLICATION ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND AWARENESS-RAISING

A significant amount of work in the areas of education, training and awareness-raising for adaptation has been carried out under the Nairobi work programme by its partners. The knowledge and lessons learned from these activities have now been synthesized in a new publication. [More...](#)

FINANCE

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED TO TRACK FAST START FINANCE

The website www.faststartfinance.org aims to provide an overview of fast start finance in time for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico. The development of the website was initiated by the Government of the Netherlands, with support from the Governments of Costa Rica, Colombia,



Denmark, Germany, Indonesia, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Norway, the United Kingdom and Vietnam. [More...](#)

FINANCIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT ABOUT TO BE RELEASED

A synthesis report by the secretariat containing information provided by all eleven countries participating in the NEEDS for Climate Change project will be ready for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) in Cancun in December. [More...](#)

SENEGAL AND HONDURAS TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE ADAPTATION FUND

Senegal and Honduras are to receive money from the Adaptation Fund, in a decision taken at the September meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board. At the meeting, the Board also accredited two new national Implementing Entities, in Jamaica and Uruguay. [More...](#)



TECHNOLOGY

SINGAPORE HOSTS ASIAN AND PACIFIC WORKSHOP ON PROJECT FINANCING

The objective of the workshop is to enhance the capacity of project developers in Asian and Pacific countries in preparing project proposals that will meet the standards of international financial providers. [More...](#)

GLOBAL WORKSHOP IN BEIJING TO FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

In the 68 Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) reports submitted to date, Parties have identified 264 project proposals with potential financing needs totalling over USD 11 billion. At a workshop to be held in Beijing in November, Parties will have the opportunity to share information on conducting, reporting and implementing their TNAs. [More...](#)

AWG-LCA UPDATE

PARTIES TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING AT OCTOBER



SESSION

At the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) in Tianjin in October, Parties will continue negotiating the text that resulted from their work at the Group's eleventh session held in Bonn in August. The meeting in Tianjin is the last dedicated session of the AWG-LCA before the Conference in Cancun, where the Group will present the outcome of its work for adoption by the COP. [More...](#)



AWG-KP UPDATE

CHAIR'S PROPOSED TEXT INCLUDES POSSIBLE SET OF DRAFT DECISIONS FOR CANCUN

At the end of the thirteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), held in Bonn in August, the Chair produced a draft proposal text for governments to consider ahead of the next session in Tianjin in October. The text includes a possible set of draft decisions for Cancun. [More...](#)

KEY UNFCCC STATEMENTS

“STABLE LONG-TERM FUNDING IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES”

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 3 SEPTEMBER 2010

In a speech at the Geneva Climate Finance Dialogue, Christiana Figueres said that the delivery and allocation of the promised short-term funding of USD 30 billion up to 2012 is the golden key to an outcome in Cancun, while long-term funding is the golden key to real and tangible climate change action across the globe. She also stressed the important role of the private sector as a potential source of funding. [More...](#)



“THE SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN GROWTH TREND WILL INCREASINGLY DEFINE THE GLOBAL ECONOMY”

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, 10 AUGUST 2010

In a video address to the Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference, Christiana Figueres stated that progress in climate change abatement is almost inconceivable without the strong involvement of business. She stressed the economic

advantages for companies that increase their energy efficiency and urged business to continue driving the sustainability and green growth trend. [More...](#)



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UNEP CLIMATE PLEDGES SITE

The site presents the current country pledges and the remaining gap for reaching global climate change mitigation goals. The site and graphics are continuously updated with new pledges, mitigation commitments and information from country parties. [More...](#)

LIST OF WORLD'S NATURAL HERITAGE SPOTS GROWS

At its latest meeting held in August, the World Heritage Committee inscribed 21 new sites on the list, including 15 cultural, 5 natural and 1 mixed properties. It is recognized that threats such as climate change will be a significant future challenge for many World Heritage sites. [More...](#)

For more climate change-related stories visit Our World 2.0 [More...](#)

EIGHTY ELECTRIC DAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Is it possible to complete a tour of the world in 80 days with electric cars? Teams from three continents are trying to find out, in a modern, eco-friendly twist on Jules Verne's classic adventure. The cars started their adventure from the United Nations building in Geneva, Switzerland, on 16 August. [More...](#)

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



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HOLLYWOOD GREENS UP WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DATABASE

Television and movie makers have no excuse for not jumping on the “green” movement bandwagon. A new

website with resources on everything from recycling sets to cruelty-free mascara makes it simple to do so. [More...](#)

SUPERBUS ON TRACK TO CUT TRAFFIC

China may have found an environmentally friendly way to save money while easing congestion on city roads with a “3D Express Coach” that will allow cars less than two metres high to travel underneath the upper level which carries the passengers. [More...](#)

WOOLLY MAMMOTH KILLED OFF BY CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change rather than the hunting skills of early man killed off the last of the woolly mammoths, according to a new study which found that it was the spread of forests as the climate warmed after the last ice age that forced woolly mammoths from their grassland habitat. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 – 9 OCT

TIANJIN, CHINA

AWG-KP 14 & AWG-LCA 12

The fourteenth session of the AWG-KP and the twelfth session of the AWG-LCA will take place at the Tianjin Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Center (MJCEC) [More...](#)

12 – 14 OCT

BONN, GERMANY

CDM-EB 57

57th meeting of the CDM Executive Board (EB 57) [More...](#)

12 – 15 OCT

BONN, GERMANY

LEG 18

Eighteenth Meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

29 NOV – 10 DEC

CANCUN, MEXICO

COP 16 & CMP 6

16th Conference of the Parties (COP 16) / 6th Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 6) [More...](#)

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