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Media statement by UNFCCC Executive Secretary on IEA report

(Bonn, 10 June 2013) – Statement by UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres on the occasion of the release of the International Energy Agency’s World Energy Outlook Special Report "Redrawing the energy-climate map”:

“The IEA report comes at a crucial moment for the UN Climate Change negotiations and for global efforts to address climate change at all levels. Once again we are reminded that there is a gap between current efforts and the engagement necessary to keep the world below a two degrees Celsius temperature rise. Once again we are reminded that the gap can be closed this decade, using proven technologies and known policies, and without harming economic growth in any region of the world. By seizing the opportunities described in the report, businesses and governments at all levels can catalyze climate action and open the political space for a universal climate agreement. ”

Link to [IEA press release](#):

<<http://www.iea.org/newsroomandevents/pressreleases/2013/june/name,38773,en.html>>

About the UNFCCC

With 195 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has been ratified by 192 of the UNFCCC Parties. For the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

See also: <<http://unfccc.int/press/items/2794.php>>

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