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New Newsroom Launched on UNFCCC Website

Front Pages Demonstrate How Groundswell of Climate Action Is Building

(Bonn, 31 July 2014) – The secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has launched a new front page Newsroom on the UNFCCC website offering news on the intergovernmental climate process, along with reports of how governments, people, companies and cities across the world are taking action.

The Newsroom is designed to explain notable happenings in the international talks and how a groundswell of climate action is building around the globe ahead of a successful, new global climate change agreement in 2015.

In a video statement posted on the new front page of the website, UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres said:

“The Newsroom is an invitation for everyone to be part of the solution to climate change. We want to make it as easy as possible to get a wide range of rich and in-depth information. And we want to make it as easy as possible to act.”

“We can meet the challenge of climate change. But we have to do it together and we have to do it because it is a better choice for ourselves, our companies, our cities and our countries,” the UN’s climate chief said.

The existing UNFCCC ‘white’ webpages will be updated with detailed information on meetings, official documents and other relevant materials and is available at a click from the top right hand of the Newsroom pages.

The new Newsroom is available in English and Spanish. See www.unfccc.int.

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About the UNFCCC

With 196 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. In Doha in 2012, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol adopted an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, which establishes the second commitment period under the Protocol. 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.

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